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In Focus

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AWTTC Spring Newsletter

A quarterly update on latest news, publications and resources.

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- Patient Access to Medicines Service (PAMS)**
Supporting health technology appraisal, One Wales medicines assessments and quality assuring IPFR outputs.
- Welsh Analytical Prescribing Support Unit (WAPSU)**
Development of National Prescribing Indicators and analysis and reporting of medicines usage data.
- Welsh National Poisons Unit (WNPU)**
Providing 24-hour poisons advice to healthcare professionals.
- Yellow Card Centre (YCC) Wales**
Monitoring adverse reactions to medicines.



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AWTTC Programme Director Takes the Stage at the NICE 2025 Conference

AWTTC Programme Director, Dr Andrew Champion was invited to speak at the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) 2025 Conference to celebrate 25 years of the organisation's contribution to health guidance.

[Read more here](#)



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View our National Prescribing Indicator Good Practice Spotlights in one place

Our new webpage collates real-world examples of initiatives, reviews and ongoing work carried out across health boards in Wales that have led to improvements and optimisation in prescribing related to NPIs.

[Read more here](#)



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Minor updates to 'Primary care antimicrobial guidelines' published

Minor updates have been made to the monograph on oral candidiasis.

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Two publications have been added to AWTTC's catalogue of journal articles

The new papers have been added to the AWTTC's online articles which centre around access to medicines, medicines optimisation and medicines safety.

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Learning at Lunch February 2025 a big success

The one hour Learning at Lunch session was held online on February 4th and covered Back-up antibiotic prescribing, the latest NPIs for 2025–2028 and a range of rapid therapeutic updates.

[Recordings available here](#)



PAMS

Patient Access to Medicines Service
Mynediad Claf at Wasanaeth Meddyginiaethau

AWTTC joins the Medicines and Medical Devices (MMD) Access Initiative

This initiative brings together health service bodies from across the four nations, all united by the goal of improving patient access to safe, clinically effective, and cost-effective healthcare products.

[Read more here](#)



PAMS

Patient Access to Medicines Service
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UK patients enabled access to transformative new medicines in shortest time possible via new, integrated Innovative Licensing and Access Pathway

The new ILAP has been launched by the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), the Health Technology Appraisal Bodies (the All Wales Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre (AWTTC), the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE), the Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC)) and the NHS.

[Read more here](#)



PAMS

Patient Access to Medicines Service
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AWTTC Programme Director Speaks at ILAP Webinar

Dr Andrew Champion, AWTTC Programme Director, was among the key speakers joining other ILAP partners from the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE), Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC), NHS England (NHSE) and MHRA.

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Managing medicines shortages in Wales – Information for patients published

These patient information leaflets aim to inform people about what happens if there is a shortage of a medicine in Wales, and are intended for all patients, and their families and carers. The leaflets are provided in a range of formats including easy-read.

[Read more here](#)



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Medicines shortages - AWTTC publishes resources for patients and healthcare workers

The webpage offers a range of resources for patients, carers, the public, and healthcare workers.

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Minor updates to ‘All Wales Common Ailments Service formulary’ published

Minor updates have been made to the monographs on nappy rash and bacterial conjunctivitis.

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Catch up on the latest from AWMSG’s Patient and Public Interest Group (PAPIG)

Our March PAPIG meeting was a great success, with excellent attendance and lots of valuable discussion.

We shared key updates to the AWMSG medicines assessment process and explored the topic of “Interventions Not Normally Available on the NHS” – including what they are, when they might be considered, and how people can access information about them.

Save the date our next meeting takes place on June 11th and as always, everyone is welcome. We look forward to another insightful conversation and hope you can join us!

[Watch the recordings here](#)



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Rare Disease Day 2025

AWTTC and AWMSG were delighted to join Genetic Alliance UK at the Annual Reception in Cardiff Bay to celebrate Rare Disease Day and learn more about the Welsh Rare Disease Action Plan as well as hearing about the challenges faced by those living with a rare disease.





WAPSU
Welsh Analytical Prescribing Support Unit
Uned Cymorth Presgripsiynu Dadansoddol Cymru

Latest 'NHS Wales inhaler carbon footprint reports' and 'NHS Wales prescribing interval reports' published

AWTTC generates monthly reports providing a brief summary of some of the key metrics provided within the SPIRA dashboards for 'inhaler decarbonisation' and 'prescribing intervals'.

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National Prescribing Indicators 2024–2025: Analysis of prescribing data to December 2024

The National Prescribing Indicator (NPI) report, analysing data for the quarter ending December 2024 has been published.

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National Prescribing Indicator specifications for 2025–2026 published

This supplementary document details the specifications for each NPI that will be active for 2025–2026. This includes the data source, drug baskets, and targets or thresholds for each indicator.

[Read more here](#)



WNPU
Welsh National Poisons Unit
Uned Gwenwynau Cenedlaethol Cymru

WNPU attend EU CBRN CoE Project 87: Preparedness and Response for Mass Gatherings and Health Threats in Central Asia

Eleri Thomas, Senior Specialist in Poisons Information from NPIS Cardiff, travelled to Dublin to participate in the final meeting of EU CBRN CoE Project 87. This five-year initiative aims to enhance health preparedness and response in Central Asia by strengthening CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear) preparedness, particularly in the context of mass gatherings.

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Cardiff University 'Be a Scientist' Event 2025

The NPIS Cardiff stall was themed 'Be a Poisons Specialist' and had two activities which represented our work when managing poisoning cases.

[Read more here](#)



WNP
Welsh National Poisons Unit
Uned Gwerwynau Cenedlaethol Cymru

Clinical Toxicology training for NHS 111 and ambulance services in Wales

Two of our Specialists in Poisons Information Stephen Jones and Bethan Hughes attended the Welsh Ambulance Services offices in Cwmbran, to provide a full day of toxicology training to NHS 111 Wales and Welsh Ambulance Service Practice Educators.

[Read more here](#)



YCC Wales at UKMI 50th Anniversary Conference

Yellow Card Centre Wales were proud to host an information stand at the UKMI 50th Anniversary Conference, held at Cardiff City Stadium.

[Read more here](#)



Student Workshops: Yellow Card Centre Teaching

Yellow Card Centre Wales recently returned to Swansea and Cardiff Universities to deliver interactive workshops with pharmacy students, focusing on adverse drug reactions (ADRs) and the importance of reporting through the Yellow Card Scheme.

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