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AWTTC Spring Newsletter

An update on latest news, publications and resources.

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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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Launch of the AWTTC Work Programme 2025 – 2028

The programme demonstrates how we will support timely access to medicines, provide prescribing guidance and resources to promote medicines optimisation, and strengthen data utilisation to improve outcomes for patients across Wales.

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Welsh Medicines Advice Service joined AWTTC from April 2026

The Welsh Medicines Advice Service (WMAS) joined the All Wales Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre (AWTTC) on 1 April 2026, marking an important step in strengthening medicines information and advisory services across NHS Wales.

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AWTTC hosts an Industry Engagement Day

The event, on 30th April, aimed to strengthen collaboration between AWTTC and the pharmaceutical industry and encourage early dialogue with regards to new medicines and commercial arrangements associated with NICE and AWMSG technology appraisal guidance.

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Best Practice Day 2026 – Medicines Optimisation for a Sustainable Future

Register now to secure your spot at this year's Best Practice Day. You'll have the chance to hear from subject matter experts, the opportunity to learn from colleagues in other health boards and plenty of time for networking and catching up with colleagues from across Wales. Registration is now full, however if you'd like to be added to the waiting list, please do so [here](#).

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AWMSG medicines optimisation resources – feedback survey

Our feedback survey is still open. Share your feedback and help inform an extensive review of the 'Medicines Optimisation Framework' which describes how AWMSG's medicines optimisation resources are created; from proposal by stakeholders, to endorsement, dissemination, and review. The survey should take no more than 10 minutes to fill in. Please feel free to share it with your colleagues.

[Survey](#)

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AWTTC at the NICE Conference 2026

The conference provided an excellent platform to exchange ideas, contribute to insightful discussions, and reflect on the rapidly evolving healthcare landscape.

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Primary care antimicrobial guidelines – minor update

The 'Treatment of COVID-19' section has been updated to remove sotrovimab as an option following its discontinuation and remaining stocks having expired in February 2026.

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Rare Disease Day 2026: Welsh Reception Highlights

It was fantastic to join Genetic Alliance UK on Wednesday at the Annual Reception in Cardiff Bay to celebrate hashtag#RareDiseaseDay. An important opportunity to come together, raise awareness and champion the rare disease community.

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Learning at Lunch – February and April 2026

The one-hour online sessions were held in February and April. On the 4th February talks included:

- ‘All Wales adult asthma management and prescribing guideline’
- National Poisons Information Service on safety risks associated with the use of monitored dosages systems in older people.
- Rapid update – Therapeutic News.

April 21st talks included:

- Wales General Ophthalmic Services – Signed Orders Formulary.
- Community Pharmacy: Common Ailments Service and Pharmacist Independent Prescribing Service.
- Rapid update – Therapeutic News.

Watch the presentations [here](#).

The next session will take place on June 30th book your place [here](#).



AWTTC at the Genomics Showcase Event 2026

AWTTC attended the Genomics Showcase Event 2026, hosting a stand within the exhibition area throughout the day. The event provided an excellent opportunity to engage with delegates, raise awareness of AWTTC’s ongoing work, and network with the many patient organisations, clinicians, researchers and wider NHS stakeholders in attendance.

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Updated inhaler dashboard to support improved reporting of inhaler use in NHS Wales

AWTTC has released a new version of the Inhaler Decarbonisation dashboard, now available on the SPIRA platform. This update introduces several important changes designed to improve the monitoring of inhaler use across primary care in Wales.

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Latest news from AWMSG’s Patient and Public Interest Group (PAPIG)

The last PAPIG meeting took place on March 6th with topics including:

- patient information on polypharmacy,
- a national process for supporting the introduction of complex therapies in Wales,
- antibiotic posters and information leaflets for patients.

Join us at our next free online meeting on June 18th. To find out more visit our [website](#).



NHS Wales Secretary Who Helped Establish the Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre Retires After 40-Year Career

Jan Scott is stepping down after a career stretching back to the late 1970s. During that time, she supported the establishment of the Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre, now the All Wales Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre.



Colleagues will miss Jan but wish her a long, healthy and happy retirement.

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Dr Sophie Harding joins AWTTC to lead pharmacogenomics delivery in Wales

Dr Harding has significant expertise in pharmacogenomics (PGx) and has already played a central role in shaping its future in Wales. Dr Harding's appointment at AWTTC represents a significant step forward for pharmacogenomics in Wales, strengthening AWTTC's role in supporting the delivery of this ambitious national programme to improve patient care.

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Pharmacist and National Lead for Community Healthcare, Emyr Jones, has joined AWTTC

Emyr Jones has joined AWTTC as Consultant Pharmacist and National Lead for Wales: Community Healthcare, with the established national role transitioning into AWTTC.

This transition reflects the continued strengthening of national coordination in community healthcare, supporting closer alignment with AWTTC's work to improve the safe, effective, and efficient use of medicines across NHS Wales.

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New medicines advice for NHS Wales

Welsh Government has approved advice from the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG) for two medicines.

[February - infliximab for ICI-induced pneumonitis](#)

[March - nivolumab plus ipilimumab](#)

**PAMS**Patient Access to Medicines Service
Mynediad Claf at Wasanaeth Meddyginiaethau

NHS Wales Blueteq medicines list

Blueteq forms for oncology and malignant haematology are now available for use in Wales. All existing available Blueteq forms are listed on the AWTTC website, search for a medicine to check if there is an associated Blueteq form. This list will be updated regularly as forms are developed.

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**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 2025–2028: Analysis of prescribing data to March 2026

The National Prescribing Indicator (NPI) report, analysing data for the quarter ending March 2026 has been published.

[Read more here](#)

**WNPU**Welsh National Poisons Unit
Uned Gwenwynau Cenedlaethol Cymru

NPIS attends Grangetown Careers and Role Models Week

Children took part in an activity where they ranked different healthcare roles involved in a poisoning case. NPIS Cardiff also hosted a stall, giving pupils and parents the chance to explore the role of a poisons scientist and ask questions.

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**WNP**
Welsh National Poisons Unit
Uned Gwenwynau Cenedlaethol Cymru

Medical Toxicology 2026

The Welsh National Poisons Unit (WNP) will be hosting their annual Medical Toxicology course at the Leonardo Hotel in Cardiff on 9-10 October 2026. The event is for health professionals interested in learning more about medical toxicology.

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NPIS Cardiff attend Cardiff University's "Be a Scientist" event

Almost 650 visitors attended the event, actively participating in the activities and leaving some lovely feedback about their experience.

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NPIS Cardiff at the Science in Health Live Event

The day was an excellent opportunity to engage with enthusiastic students, raise awareness of the NPIS, and help inspire the next generation of scientists and healthcare professionals.

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NPIS Cardiff at the National Poisons Information Centre, Dublin CPD event

Held to celebrate the NPIC's 60th anniversary. The two day programme delivered excellent presentations and offered a valuable opportunity for learning and networking.

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YCC Wales attend the Welsh Immunisation Conference

The Yellow Card Centre Wales (YCC Wales) team attended the Welsh Immunisation Conference on 24 April, where they hosted an information stand to raise awareness of the Yellow Card reporting scheme and promote patient safety.

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Paper on ADR reporting in Wales

Colleagues from AWTTC and YCC Wales have contributed to new research published in the International Journal of Pharmacy Practice exploring how adverse drug reaction (ADR) reporting could be improved for community pharmacists in Wales.

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Alana's Kolor Dash raises money for charity

Principal Pharmacist at the Welsh Medicines Advice Service (WMAS), Alana Adams, successfully raised £500 for St David's Hospice Care after taking part in the charity's Kolor Dash.

Held on 25 April at Tredegar Park, the family-friendly 5K event saw participants walk, jog, and run their way through a vibrant course filled with colour throws, all in support of hospice care services across South East Wales.

Alana joined hundreds of participants for the event, raising vital funds to support the compassionate care provided by St David's Hospice Care to patients and families living with life-limiting illnesses.

Speaking after the event, Alana said she was delighted to support such an important local charity and thanked everyone who donated and encouraged her along the way.

Congratulations to Alana on this fantastic achievement and for supporting such a worthwhile cause.



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