





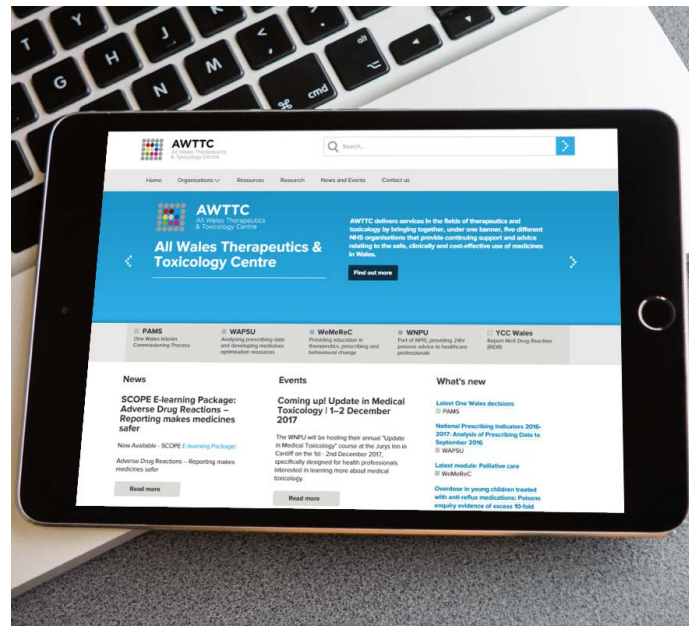
# AWTTC Summer Newsletter

A quarterly update featuring the latest news and insights from our multidisciplinary team.

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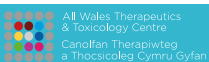
April – June 2021 news from:

-  Patient Access to Medicines Service (PAMS) - Supporting health technology appraisals and coordinating IPFR outputs.
-  Welsh Analytical Prescribing Support Unit (WAPSU) - Analysing prescribing data and developing medicines optimisation resources.
-  Welsh National Poisons Unit (WNPU) - Providing 24-hour poisons advice to healthcare professionals
-  Yellow Card Centre (YCC) Wales - Monitoring adverse reactions to medicines.



## Best Practice Day - Spring 2021

April 2021



AWTTC hosted its first virtual Best Practice Day on 13th April 2021, to share some of the excellent medicines optimisation work from across Wales. Videos of the event are now available. [Read more here.](#)



## Communications and Engagement Strategy

May 2021



A new Communications and Engagement Strategy has recently been developed and consulted on. This aims to align AWMSG and AWTTC's communications approach and support the delivery of the AWTTC Work Programme. [Read more here.](#)



## HTAi Virtual Annual Meeting 2021

June 2021



AWTTC co-hosted this year's virtual Health Technology Assessment International (HTAi) Annual Meeting, alongside Healthcare Improvement Scotland and the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence. [Read more here.](#)



## WHSSC launches Blueteq high-cost drug software

May 2021



WHSSC have announced the launch of the Blueteq high-cost drug (HCD) system for WHSSC-commissioned medicines across NHS Wales. *Read more [here](#).*

## AWTTC presents work at PRIMM Annual Scientific Meeting

June 2021



PRIMM held its 32nd Annual Scientific Meeting in June 2021. The meeting explored “Big Data...is it the Future of Medicines Optimisation?” and AWTTC successfully submitted two posters. *Read more [here](#).*

## AWTTC partners with ScriptSwitch

June 2021



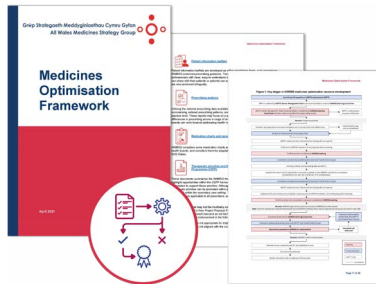
AWTTC is working in collaboration with ScriptSwitch to ensure the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group's (AWMSG) key prescribing messages are visible to prescribers in Wales. *Read more [here](#).*

## Medicines Optimisation Framework published

April 2021



This framework details the processes behind the development of medicines optimisation resources that are endorsed and published by AWMSG, describes how new projects can be proposed and explains how these proposals are considered. *Read more [here](#).*



## Initial clinical management of adult smokers in secondary care published

June 2021



This document aims to inform and guide healthcare staff in NHS Wales about how to start nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) to manage nicotine withdrawal in adults who smoke and are admitted to hospital (secondary care). *Read more [here](#).*



## New medicines advice

April-May 2021



PAMS support AWMSG in the assessment and monitoring of new medicines in Wales.

In April, Welsh Government approved AWMSG advice for buprenorphine/naloxone. *Read more [here](#).*

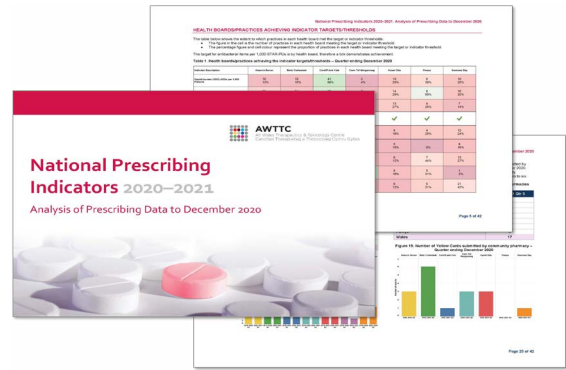
In May, Welsh Government approved AWMSG advice for indacaterol acetate/glycopyrronium bromide/mometasone furoate, perampanel, and constat alfa. *Read more [here](#).*

## Quarterly NPI report: Analysis of Prescribing Data to December 2020

April 2021

**WAPSU**  
 Welsh Analytical Prescribing Support Unit  
 Uned Cymorth Presgripsiynu Dadansodol Cymru

The latest National Prescribing Indicator (NPI) report, analysing data for the quarter ending December 2020 has been published [Read more here](#).

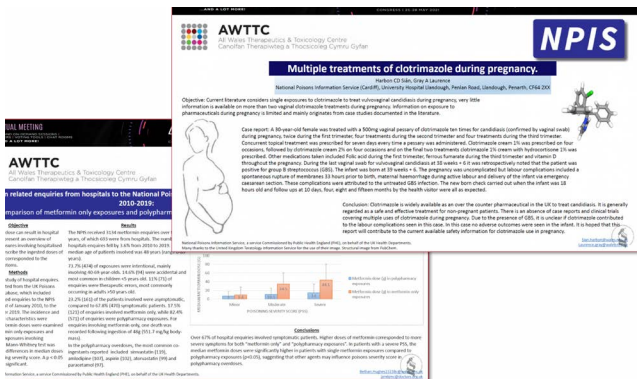


## The 41st European Association of Poison Centres and Clinical Toxicologists Congress

June 2021

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

Representatives from the National Poisons Information Service Cardiff Unit attended the 41st Congress of the European Association of Poison Centres and Clinical Toxicologists, which was held virtually for the first time and had staff from NPIS Cardiff presenting several posters, [Read more here](#).



### MEDICAL TOXICOLOGY COURSE

**8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021**  
**JURY'S INN, CARDIFF, UK**

This intensive two day course is designed for those interested in medical toxicology. This course will aid those who wish to gain expertise in the practical management of common toxicological problems.

Previous attendees included nurses and physicians from urgent care, minor injuries, emergency and intensive care departments, paramedics, medical students, specialist registrars and specialists in poisons information.

**£300 FOR 2 DAYS OR £200 PER DAY**

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 Website: <https://www.awttc.org/news-and-events>  
 Places are limited and early application is advised.

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[Read more here.](#)



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