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All Wales Therapeutics & Toxicology Centre
Canolfan Therapiwteg a Thocsicoleg Cymru Gyfan

In Focus

Summer 2022 - Issue 18

AWTTC Summer Newsletter

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

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April - June 2022 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.

Lay Members recruitment

Could you spare some time to provide a voice for patients, carers and your community?

You could join one of our committees as a **lay member**

You don't need a scientific background. We will give you training.

Interested?
Please visit awttc.nhs.wales/lay
or email awttc@wales.nhs.uk

To mark Volunteers week in June AWTTC launched a recruitment drive aimed at getting more lay members sitting on committees.

The five committees AWTTC supports include:

- All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG)
- New Medicines Group (NMG)
- All Wales Prescribing Advisory Group (AWPAG)
- One Wales Medicines Advisory Group (OWMAG)
- Quality Assurance Group for Individual Patient Funding Requests (IPFR)

Committee members may include doctors, pharmacists, nurses, a health economist, a pharmaceutical industry representative, and at least one lay member (an interested patient, carer or a member of the public).

AWTTC is also working with health boards and the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC) to support the recruitment of lay members to their IPFR panels.

To find out more [visit our website](http://awttc.nhs.wales).



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Save the date for our AWMSG 20th Anniversary conference

In November we will be celebrating 20 years since AWMSG was established and everything that has been achieved in that time. Joining us at the event on November 17th will be Professor Philip Routledge, who was instrumental in setting up AWMSG, Dr Samantha Roberts, Chief Executive of the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE), Dame June Raine, Chief Executive of the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), Sophie Howe, the Future Generations Commissioner, Dr Richard Torbett, ABPI Chief Executive and Wales' Health Minister Eluned Morgan.

Keep an eye on our [website](#) for more information on how to register.



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Away Day June 2022

As the past two years have seen a new way of working the AWTTC Away Day in June was a great opportunity to get together with colleagues old and new.

Held at the Cardiff City Stadium it was a day of learning, getting to know teams and was a welcome return to a face-to-face meeting.

James Coulson led the day and gave an inspiring talk on his vision for AWTTC over the next five years.

The day was a mix of activities, workshops and talks and even a laughing Yoga session with expert Lotte Mikkelsen a laughter Yoga Master Trainer.

Stephanie Francis hosted the ice-breaker of a Truth and Lies activity which was a great way for colleagues to get to know more about each other.

Kelly Wood chaired the next section Who we are and what do we do where each section head introduced their team and the work they do.

Carolyn Hughes facilitated a workshop session on Developing our Well-being Goals which resulted in some excellent ideas.

Talks on the Equality Health Impact Assessment were by C&V UHB Inclusion Officers Helen Anderson and Abigail Barnard while Joanne Brandon, Director of Communications, Arts, Health Charity and Engagement delivered a presentation on Communication, Leadership and Resilience.

One of the highlights of the day was the baby quiz of our staff run by Trevor and Anne.



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The Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act

AWTTC has published a report outlining how AWMSG and AWTTC are working to achieving the seven wellbeing goals set out in the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act.

The report outlines how AWMSG's work and objectives relate to each of the seven goals and highlights past and ongoing work as well as planned new work and proposed actions.

[Read more here.](#)



Grŵp Strategaeth Meddyginiaethau Cymru Gyfan
All Wales Medicines Strategy Group

AWMSG and the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act



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Pharmaceutical Industry Open Day

June 2022

The recent Pharmaceutical Industry Open Day covered the One Wales Medicines process as well as an update on the recent work on medicines management. The interesting sessions also included an interactive slide quiz as well as a short Q&A

To watch the presentations [visit our website.](#)



YCC Wales

Yellow Card Centre Wales
Canolfan Cerdyn Melyn Cymru

YCC Wales' Medicine Safety Training Day 2022

The training day was attended by Medicines Safety Officers, Yellow Card Champions and pharmacists/nurses with an interest in medicines safety. Colleagues from the MHRA and Welsh Government (including Andrew Evans, Chief Pharmaceutical Officer for Wales) also attended.

[Read more here.](#)



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Save the dates

This year September 17th is World Patient Safety Day 2022 – the theme of this year's campaign is Medication Safety with the slogan 'Medication Without Harm'.

November 7th to 13th will be #MedSafetyWeek 2022 this year's campaign will focus on 'how patients and healthcare professionals make safety work'. The main message will be that by reporting suspected side effects, patients and healthcare professionals actively participate in identifying emerging safety issues – so that regulators can take action when necessary and protect others from harm.

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

National Prescribing Indicators 2022-2023 – Specifications document

May 2022

This supplementary document details the specifications of each NPI including data source, drug baskets and targets/ thresholds as appropriate for the NPIs 2022–2023

[Read more here.](#)

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National Prescribing Indicators 2021–2022: Analysis of Prescribing Data to December 2021

April 2022

National Prescribing Indicators (NPIs) for 2021–2022 include indicators for primary and secondary care, with a focus on three priority areas:

- Analgesics in primary care
- Anticoagulants in atrial fibrillation
- Antimicrobial stewardship

[Read more here.](#)

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Value-based prescribing – Strategy

June 2022

The All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG) aims to encourage clinicians to prescribe medicines that offer the best health outcomes improving the quality of life for patients living in Wales.

[Read more here.](#)

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Care home medicines optimisation toolkit

June 2022

The aim of the Care Home Medicines Optimisation Toolkit is to bring together a suite of guidance documents, tools and useful resources for care home staff and pharmacy teams who provide advice and support to care homes.

[Read more here.](#)

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NHS Wales inhaler carbon footprint reports

Monthly reports summarising some of the key metrics on progress in reducing the carbon footprint of inhalers used within primary care in Wales are available on the AWTTC website.

[Read more here.](#)

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

National Poisons Information Service CPD Event, Newcastle

June 2022

The National Poisons Information Service (NPIS) met with colleagues from all four UK NPIS units for an excellent two-day Continuing Professional Development event, held at St James' Park football ground, Newcastle.

[Read more here.](#)

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

Review of Aluminium Toxicity Published by the Welsh National Poisons

Professor James Coulson and Bethan Hughes, from the Welsh National Poisons Unit, recently published an authoritative review of the toxicity of aluminium in humans in the journal *Clinical Toxicology* (2022;60(4):415-428).

[Read more here.](#)

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

New medicines advice for NHS Wales

April – June

Welsh Government has approved recommendations from the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group for four medicines between the months of April to June 2022.

May New Medicines Advice
[– Read more here](#)

June New Medicines Advice
[– Read more here](#)

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Updates to AWMSG recommendations review process including publication of new static list

Changes to the way AWMSG final appraisal recommendations are reviewed, including the publication of a 'static' list, have been implemented.

The updated review process was endorsed by the AWMSG Steering Committee and supported by the AWTTC Industry Forum.

[Read more here.](#)

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AWTTC staff compete in running competition

Four members of AWTTC took part in the relay run in Cosmeston Lakes Park near Penarth on a warm evening. Overall there were more than 700 runners competing in teams of three which made an exciting spectacle. Each runner completed a circuit of three miles before tagging the next member of the team. Steph Francis, Laurence Gray and James Coulson made up one team of three and came in with a very respectable team time of 72 minutes. A second team was planned with Susan Cervetto and Stuart Keeping, but unfortunately Sue had Covid at the time so could not run. The second team was therefore filled with two runners from outside the department. It would be great to go back to having five or six AWTTC teams as we've had pre-2019, so please start training now for the 2023 event. Spectators/supporters are of course also welcome.



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