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AWTTC Summer Newsletter

A quarterly update on latest news, publications and resources.

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Yellow Card Centre (YCC) Wales
 Monitoring adverse reactions to medicines.



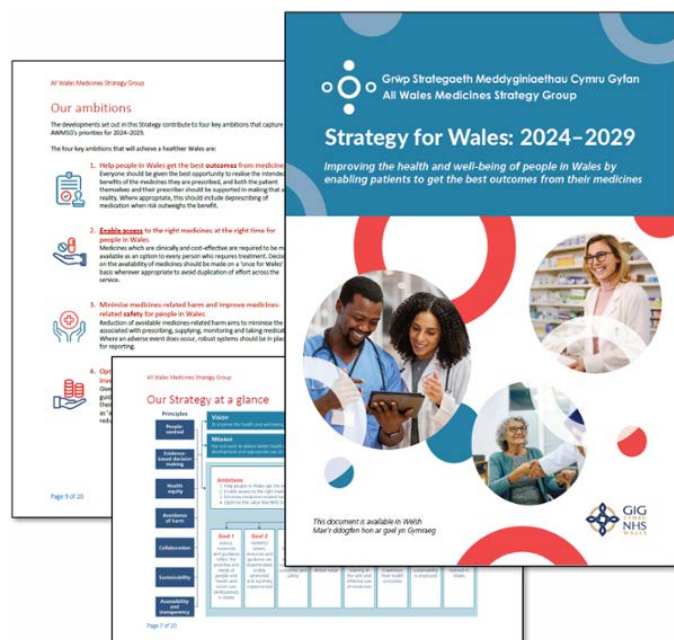
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New five-year AWMSG Strategy launched

AWTTC is very happy to announce that the latest five-year All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG) Strategy, setting out its ambitions and goals for 2024 to 2029, has been launched and is now available for you to read.

[Read more here](#)





Common Ailments Service monograph for urinary tract infection published

The All Wales Common Ailments Service formulary has been updated with a monograph for urinary tract infection in women and transgender males who have not undergone sex reassignment surgery.

[Read more here](#)



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

In May another interesting and informative meeting was held, with presentations including 'Getting the label right – are you really allergic to penicillin?' and 'Tackling antibiotic resistance – what we can all do to help?'. There were also updates on some in-development patient information leaflets, the Yellow Card Centre Wales, and the medicines access process. The next meeting takes place online on September 12th everyone is welcome.

[Watch them here](#)



Another successful Learning at Lunch session held

A 1-hour Learning at Lunch session was held online on 21st May with sessions covering how to work together to optimise antipsychotic use for people living with dementia in Wales, resources for optimising medicines use and safe management of medicines within care homes, as well as rapid therapeutics update for health professionals.

[Recordings available here](#)



Best Practice Day 2024

This year's event focused on medicines adherence with some fantastic speakers including Dr Sarah Brown, Dr Julian Treadwell and Dr Sarah Chapman followed by an afternoon of interactive breakout sessions, alongside plenty of opportunities for networking and catching up with colleagues from across Wales.

Readers can go to [this page](#) to access slides and recordings of the presentations as they become available.



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AWTTC presents work at HTAi annual meeting in Seville

Colleagues attended and presented their work at this year's Health Technology Assessment International (HTAi) Annual Meeting.

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AWTTC host another successful IPFR workshop

The annual workshop is a training event for IPFR panel members, health board colleagues involved in the delivery of the IPFR process and clinicians with an interest in learning more about IPFR.

[Read more here](#)



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AWTTC's new animation aimed at improving inhaler prescribing, use and disposal in Wales

The animation, which will be shared widely within NHS Wales, provides useful information and encourages people to ask for an annual respiratory review.

[Watch it here](#)



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

One Wales Medicines nominated for Moondance awards

The All Wales Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre (AWTTC) was thrilled that the One Wales Medicines (OW) process was shortlisted for a prestigious Moondance Cancer Award.

The Moondance Cancer Awards, Wales' only dedicated Cancer awards, celebrate and spotlight individuals and teams across NHS Wales and its partners who deliver, lead and innovate cancer services.

[Read more here](#)

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New medicines advice for NHS Wales

Welsh Government has approved advice from the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG) for three medicines between April and June 2024.

- alglucosidase alfa (Myozyme™) – [Read more here](#)
- Opicapone (Ongentys®) – [Read more](#)
- Trifarotene (Aklief®) – [Read more](#)

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NHS Wales approves routine access to dabrafenib and trametinib to treat a rare type of thyroid cancer

The One Wales Medicines Advisory Group (OWMAG) have recommended using dabrafenib and trametinib together to treat anaplastic thyroid cancer if it has a particular genetic variant called BRAF V600E. The All Wales Medicines Strategy Group endorsed the decision and Welsh Government ratified it in April 2024.

[Read more here](#)

**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'.

[Read more here](#)

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National Prescribing Indicators 2023–2024: Analysis of prescribing data to December 2023

The National Prescribing Indicator (NPI) report, analysing data for the quarter ending December 2023 has been published.

[Read more here](#)

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

WNPU travelled to Mongolia to take part in a training initiative

Eleri Thomas, a Poisons Information Specialist, worked alongside several members of the [PRECA](#) (Preparedness and Response for Mass Gatherings and other Health Threats in Central Asia) Project 87 team in a training initiative implemented by the International Science and Technology Centre (ISTC).

[Read more here](#)

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The 44th Congress of the European Association of Poison Centres and Clinical Toxicologists (EAPCCT)

Presentations were given by Eleri Thomas on her study into intentional paracetamol ingestions in children and Nathaniel Keymer on cases of accidental intravascular administration of wound cleaning solutions. The Unit also presented 4 abstract posters.

[Read more here](#)

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Medical Toxicology Course 2024

The Welsh National Poisons Unit (WNP) will be hosting their annual Medical Toxicology course at the Leonardo Hotel in Cardiff on 4-5 October 2024. The event is for health professionals interested in learning more about medical toxicology.

[Read more here](#)

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National Poisons Information Service CPD Event

The National Poisons Information Service (NPIS) met in April for a two-day Continuing Professional Development event hosted by the Birmingham Poisons Unit at the Park Regis Hotel, Birmingham.

[Read more here](#)

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NPIS submitted an abstract poster to the British Geriatric Society Spring Meeting 2024

The abstract was titled "Using poisons centre data to identify potential safety risks associated with the use of monitored dosage systems," and was a collaboration between the UK NPIS, Swansea Bay University Health Board and AWTTC following discussion with members from each organisation after meeting at the AWTTC Best Practice Day 2023.

[Read more here](#)



Yellow Card Centre Wales' Medicine Safety Day 2024

It was a day of great collaboration and learning at the Yellow Card Centre Wales' annual Medicine Safety Day.

The event also marked 60 years since the very first Yellow Card was received in 1964 following the thalidomide disaster.

[Read more here](#)



HEIW resources

The team from YCC Wales has worked with Health Education and Improvement Wales to develop an educational resource, including a series of short videos.

This resource aims to support healthcare professionals in learning more about adverse drug reactions and the importance of the Yellow Card scheme.

This webpage was launched at the Yellow Card Centre Wales Medicines Safety Day 2024 and will be widely promoted to support the upcoming #MedSafetyWeek campaign.

[Read more here](#)



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