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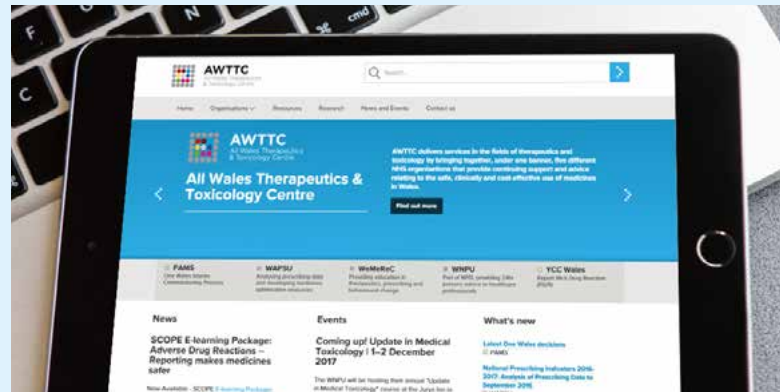
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Best Practice Day 2019 presentations available to watch online | October 2019

Videos of the presentations from the Best Practice Day 2019, with slides from the day incorporated, are now available to watch online. Videos, slide decks and additional information are also available to view on share.awttc.org.

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PAMS

Patient Access to Medicines Service
Mynediad Claf at Wasanaeth Meddyginiaethau

- Supporting health technology appraisals and coordinating the outputs of IPFR panels across Wales...

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Save the date! Individual Patient Funding Request Workshop 2020

| Register now – 4th May 2020

On 4 May 2020, AWTTTC will be hosting its fifth annual Individual Patient Funding Request (IPFR) Workshop at Cardiff City Stadium. The day will provide training to IPFR panel members and applying clinicians.

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Presentation at 5th Annual Welsh Rare Disease Patient Network Meeting

| October 2019

AWTTC was delighted to present at the 5th Annual Welsh Rare Disease Patient Network Meeting on 10 October 2019.

AWTTC outlined the AWMSG process for appraising medicines used to treat rare conditions. AWTTC presented results from a review of the process for appraising a medicine for a rare disease and highlighted the changes to the policy implemented following the review.

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New medicines advice

| October-December 2019

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

In October, Welsh Government approved advice from AWMSG for zanamivir (Dectova[®]) and glecaprevir/pibrentasvir (Maviret[®]).

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In December, Welsh Government approved advice from AWMSG for cefepime dihydrochloride monohydrate (Renapime[®]), diamorphine hydrochloride (Ayendi[®]), dupilumab (Dupixent[®]) and melatonin (Slenyto[®]).

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Also in December, Welsh Government approved advice from AWMSG for fampridine (Fampyra[®]) and glycerol phenylbutyrate (Ravicti[®]).

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Welsh Medicines Resource Centre
Canolfan Adnoddau Moddion Cymru

- Providing education in therapeutics, prescribing and behavioural change...

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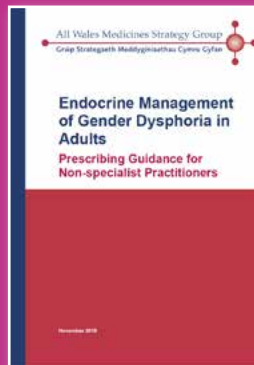
- Analysing prescribing data and developing medicines optimisation resources...

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Endocrine Management of Gender Dysphoria in Adults

| November 2019

This guideline, published in November 2019, is intended for non-specialist practitioners engaged in the prescribing and monitoring of medical therapies used in the management of gender dysphoria.



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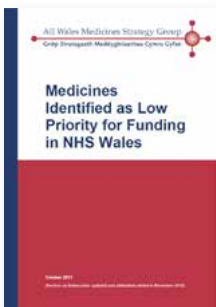


Quarterly NPI report

| October 2019

The first National Prescribing Indicator (NPI) report for 2019-2020 has been published, analysing data for the quarter ending June 2019. NPIs for 2019-2020 include indicators for primary and secondary care, and have been categorised as safety, stewardship or efficiency indicators.

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Medicines Identified as Low Priority for Funding in NHS Wales (Update)

| November 2019

The first paper in the Low Priority for Funding in NHS Wales series has been updated following its original publication in October 2017. The update includes revisions to the section on liothyronine and recent medicines expenditure data provided as an addendum.

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Annual Prescribing Reports 2018-2019

| October 2019

AWTTC have developed Annual Prescribing Reports for health boards in Wales. These are individualised, comparative reports that give the health board's ranking and progress with regards to a series of measures in relation to the other health boards.

The measures are organised into the following areas: opioid burden; gabapentin and pregabalin; total antibiotic prescribing; 4C antimicrobial prescribing; low priority for funding; biosimilars; and New Treatment Fund.

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Sign up to SHARE – AWTTC's Online Community

Sign up to discuss and find out more about topics such as the Repeat Prescribing initiatives currently ongoing across the health boards in NHS Wales.

You can now also create your own threads of discussion in the 'Other Topics' forum.

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- Providing 24-hour poisons advice to healthcare professionals...

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National Poisons Information Service Annual Report 2018-2019 Published

| November 2019

Recently the National Poisons Information Service (NPIS) published their annual report summarising their activities for the period 2018-2019. The report highlights the breadth and importance of delivering a high quality poisons service despite increasing financial pressures.

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National Poisons Information Service provides training in Myanmar

| November 2019

A second joint Public Health England and NPIS training mission was conducted in Myanmar between 24 October and 1 November 2019.

NPIS delivered training on the role and function of a poisons centre, highlighting the importance of standardised data collection and operating procedures, poisoning epidemiology globally, and poisoning epidemiology specific to Myanmar.



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- Monitoring adverse reactions to medicines...

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YCC Wales at Newport 50+ Information Day

| October 2019

Following the successful event in 2018, the organisers of the Newport 50+ Information Day invited YCC Wales to attend again in 2019.

Once again, the stand was a great success with lots of visitors and several engaging conversations regarding the importance of reporting side effects to medicines.

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