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

In Focus

Winter 2021 - Issue 16

AWTTC Winter Newsletter

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

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- **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.

AWTTC and AWMSG launch new merged website



The AWTTC and AWMSG have officially launched their merged website. Previously there had been two separate websites. One finding of an independent review of AWMSG in 2019 was that people were often unaware of the distinction between AWMSG and AWTTC with confusion around the roles and responsibilities of each. This presented obstacles to audiences trying to navigate two separate websites to find information and guidance. Therefore, the decision to create a new, merged website

for the two was reached to help achieve the shared objective of both AWMSG and AWTTC in supporting prudent prescribing to obtain the best outcomes from medicines for patients in Wales. [Read more here.](https://awttc.nhs.wales/)



PAMS
Patient Access to Medicines Service
Mynediad Claf at Wasanaeth Meddyginiathau

Individual Patient Funding Request annual report 2020-2021

October 2021

The latest individual Patient Funding Request (IPFR) annual report is now available to view. There is an overview of the IPFRs considered across Wales in 2020-2021 and an update on how IPFR panels have adapted and continued to provide the service throughout the pandemic. [Read more here.](#)



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New medicines advice for NHS Wales

October - December 2021

Welsh Government has approved recommendations from the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group about 11 medicines between the months of October and December 2021.

- October New Medicines Advice - [Read more here.](#)
- November New Medicines Advice - [Read more here.](#)
- December New Medicines Advice - [Read more here.](#)



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AWTTC supports the new Innovative Licensing and Access Pathway

October 2021

From 4 October, the All Wales Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre (AWTTC) will be working with colleagues in the Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA), the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) and the Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC) as a partner in the new Innovative Licensing and Access Pathway (ILAP). [Read more here.](#)



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Best Practice Day October 2021

November 2021

AWTTC successfully hosted its second virtual Best Practice Day on the 12 October 2021. This was an online event focused on sharing some of the excellent medicines optimisation work ongoing in Wales, and provided the opportunity for attendees to ask any questions they may have. Videos from the event are now available. [Read more here.](#)



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

National Prescribing Indicators 2020-2021: Analysis of Prescribing Data to June 2021

October 2021

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

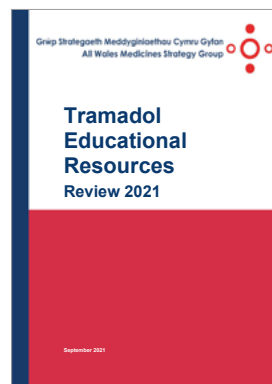
[Read more here.](#)

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Tramadol Educational Resources

October 2021

These resources were first developed in 2013 as a response to a request by Welsh Government. This update has reviewed the current evidence base and revised the information in the resources within the wider context of pain management. Our latest review of these resources highlighted a need for continued appropriate prescribing and monitoring of tramadol, as well as other opioid medicines, in NHS Wales. [Read more here.](#)

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Acknowledged resource – Antimicrobial wound dressings

December 2021

AWMSG's Acknowledgement process highlights resources, initiatives or campaigns that are already recognised or endorsed by a national body or institute and have been implemented or accepted as good practice within NHS Wales. AWMSG recently acknowledged the Evidence Based Procurement Board's publication 'Antimicrobial Wound Dressings (AWDs – Statement, Recommendations and Guidance'. [Read more here.](#)



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