



AWTTC

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

In Focus

Winter 2022 - Issue 20

AWTTC Winter Newsletter

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

In This Issue

October – December 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.



AWTTC

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

'Learning at Lunch' sessions for health professionals launched

October 2022

'Learning at Lunch' sessions for health professionals launched

AWTTC hosted its first 'Learning at Lunch' therapeutics update session on 18 October which attracted over 140 delegates.

Videos from this session and more details about learning at lunch is available [here](#).



AWTTC

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

AWTTC reports on Statements of Advice (SOAs) issued by the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG)

October 2022

AWTTC have produced reports looking at the trend and number of SOAs issued over a five-year period, and exploring the impact on medicine availability in Wales compared with the other nations of the UK.

[Read more here.](#)



AWTTC

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

Patient and Public Interest Group (PAPIG) meeting – October 21

October 2022

The most recent virtual Patient and Public Interest Group (PAPIG) meeting was successfully held on the 21 October 2022. The focus of this meeting was the environmental impact of medicines.

[Read more here.](#)



The All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG) marks 20 years of providing quick and safe access to medicines for Welsh patients

November 2022



Wales' Health Minister Eluned Morgan

A host of speakers, delegates and staff came together to celebrate 20 years of the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG) providing advice on newly licensed medicines ensuring patients in Wales get quick and safe access to new medicines.

During the conference, delegates heard from a wide range of speakers who were able to share their experiences of working in conjunction with AWMSG and highlight the positive impact this work is having. The current Chair of AWMSG, Professor Iolo Doull, opened the conference at the Cardiff City Stadium on November 17th by reflecting on the achievements of the last two decades, which includes issuing advice on more than 420 medicines.

[Read more here.](#)



Dr June Raine, Chief Executive of the MHRA addresses the conference



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

Guide to collaborative working between NHS, primary care contractors and the pharmaceutical industry

December 2022

Guide to collaborative working between NHS, primary care contractors and the pharmaceutical industry

AWTTC has updated guidance that sets out the requirements and key considerations for successful collaborative working between NHS Wales, primary care contractors and the pharmaceutical industry and replaces the previous partnership working document.

[Read more here.](#)

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

Find out more about the One Wales Medicine process by watching our new animated video

September 2022

The animated video explains in detail how the One Wales Medicine process works in advising NHS Wales on medicines. If they approve an 'All Wales' consideration for positive recommendations this will make medicines available across the whole of Wales.

[Read more here.](#)

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

New medicines advice for NHS Wales

December 2022

New medicines advice for NHS Wales

Welsh Government has approved advice from the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG) for 10 medicines between October and December 2022.

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

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

All Wales guidance for prescribing intervals

October 2022

This document presents an overview of the current situation regarding prescribing intervals, and sets out a series of recommendations on increasing prescribing intervals where appropriate.

[Read more here.](#)

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

Value-based prescribing – Optimal prescribing for higher health gain

October 2022

The overall aim of the value-based prescribing programme is to optimise the usage of medicines to deliver increased value.

[Read more here.](#)

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

National Prescribing Indicators 2022-2023 – Analysis of prescribing data to June 2022

October 2022

The National Prescribing Indicators (NPIs) for 2022-2023 include indicators for primary and secondary care.

[Read more here.](#)

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

Resources for pharmacological management of pain

November 2022

These resources were developed at the request of Welsh Government, and aim to support the prescribing of medicines used in NHS Wales for the management of pain.

[Read more here.](#)

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

Medicines optimisation framework

December 2022

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.](#)

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

Primary care antimicrobial guidelines

December 2022

This guideline was developed to provide comprehensive advice on the antimicrobial management of common infections in primary care, taking into account local pathogen and antimicrobial susceptibility data in Wales.

[Read more here.](#)

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

NHS Wales inhaler carbon footprint reports

December 2022

The Welsh Analytical Prescribing Support Unit (WAPSU), the analytical unit of AWTTC, has developed a dashboard to report on progress in reducing the carbon footprint of inhalers used within primary care in Wales.

[Read more here.](#)

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

Potential cyanide poisoning reported to the National Poisons Information Service: a 12-year review.

October 2022

Recognising and managing cyanide toxicity in a clinical setting can be difficult and complicated. As a result, the National Poisons Information Service (NPIS) recently undertook a comprehensive review of cases of cyanide poisoning reported to NPIS over the past 12 years (2009-2018), to better understand cyanide toxicity and how to treat it.

[Read more here.](#)

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

Medical Toxicology 2022, 7-8 October, Cardiff, UK

October 2022

A number of distinguished toxicology experts from across the UK presented an informative range of toxicological topics such as poisoning in pregnancy, paediatric poisoning, new developments in paracetamol poisoning, radiation toxicology, lead poisoning, and cardiovascular toxicity.

[Read more here.](#)

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

National Poisons Information Service Annual Report 2021-2022

December 2022



The National Poisons Information Service (NPIS) is commissioned to provide information and advice 24-hours a day to NHS healthcare professionals across the UK to support the management of patients with suspected poisoning. Recently the NPIS published their annual report summarising their activities for the period 2021-22.

[Read more here.](#)

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

Welsh National Poisons Unit Delivers International TOXBASE® Training Course, Almaty, Kazakhstan

December 2022

The Welsh National Poisons Unit (WNPU) recently delivered a WHO-funded two-day international training course on TOXBASE® in late October 2022, in Almaty, Kazakhstan. Over 50 delegates were in attendance from across Central Asia, including from the host nation Kazakhstan, as well as Uzbekistan, Tajikistan, Pakistan, Kyrgyzstan and Mongolia.

[Read more here.](#)

**Yellowcard**
Centre
Wales

Watch the Yellow Card Centre Wales' new animated video and find out what mascot Charlie has to say

November 2022

The Yellow Card Centre (YCC) Wales' new animated video includes mascot Charlie explaining why and how to report a suspected side effect to a medicine or a problem with a medical device.

[Watch it here.](#)

**AWTTC**
All Wales Therapeutics & Toxicology Centre
Canolfan Therapiwteg a Thocsicolleg Cymru Gyfan

The Greener Primary Care Wales Framework Award Scheme 2023

The Greener Primary Care Wales Framework and Award Scheme is a collection of actions to support community pharmacy, community dental practice, community optometry and general practice to improve the environmental sustainability of their day-to-day practice and to reach the Welsh Government decarbonisation targets.

[Read more here.](#)



Sign-up to receive our future newsletters and read previous issues on the [AWTTC website](#).



For AWTTC's latest updates follow: [@AWTTCcomms](#) | [@AWTTCcymraeg](#)



To give feedback or join the AWTTC mailing list email: awttc@wales.nhs.uk