

Implementation Of One Wales Recommendations At The Health Board Formulary Level

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Background

- One Wales medicines advice should be implemented equally across all health boards (HBs) in Wales. Consistency in the presentation of One Wales advice on Welsh formularies is essential for this.
- Here we assessed the presentation of One Wales advice on all seven Welsh HB formularies for accuracy and consistency before and after the introduction of a new information dissemination process.

For more info on the One Wales process please check out posters 284 and 286 or follow the link

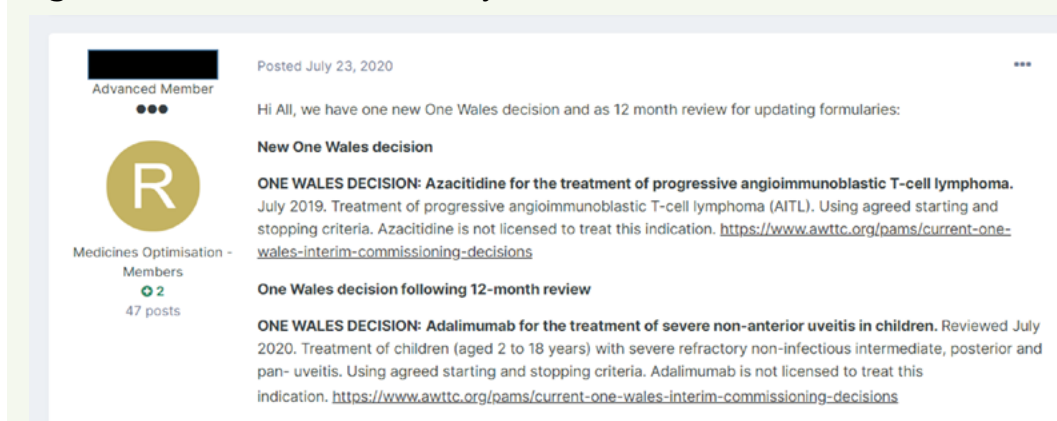
Method

- The wording of One Wales advice on formularies (Figure 1) was categorised by the team (fully accurate, partially accurate, or not in line) to qualitatively evaluate the consistency and accuracy of One Wales recommendations to date (n = 13).
- A new process for sharing One Wales recommendations was developed together with formulary pharmacists and then implemented through the SHARE platform, AWTTC's Online Community (Figure 2).
- The wording of One Wales advice on formularies was checked twelve months later to determine the process's effectiveness.

Figure 1: Screenshot of an entry for azacitidine on a Health Board formulary



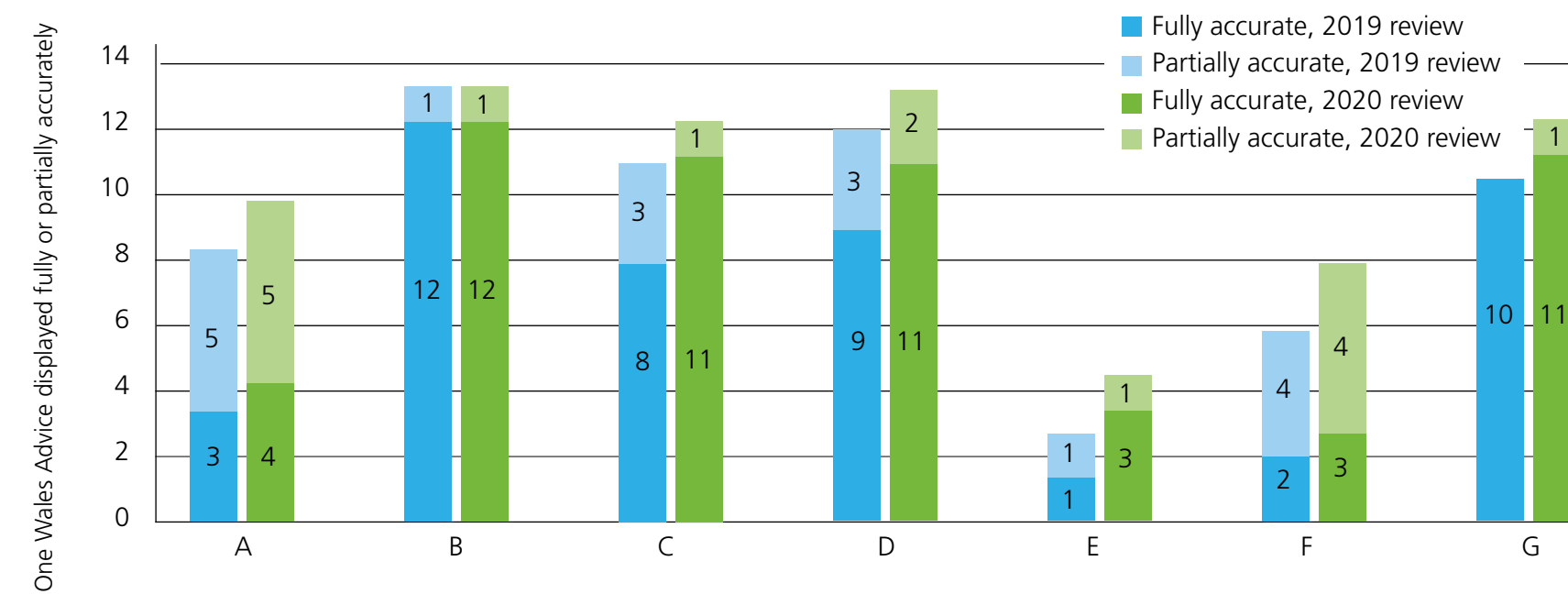
Figure 2: Screenshot of an entry for azacitidine on SHARE



Results

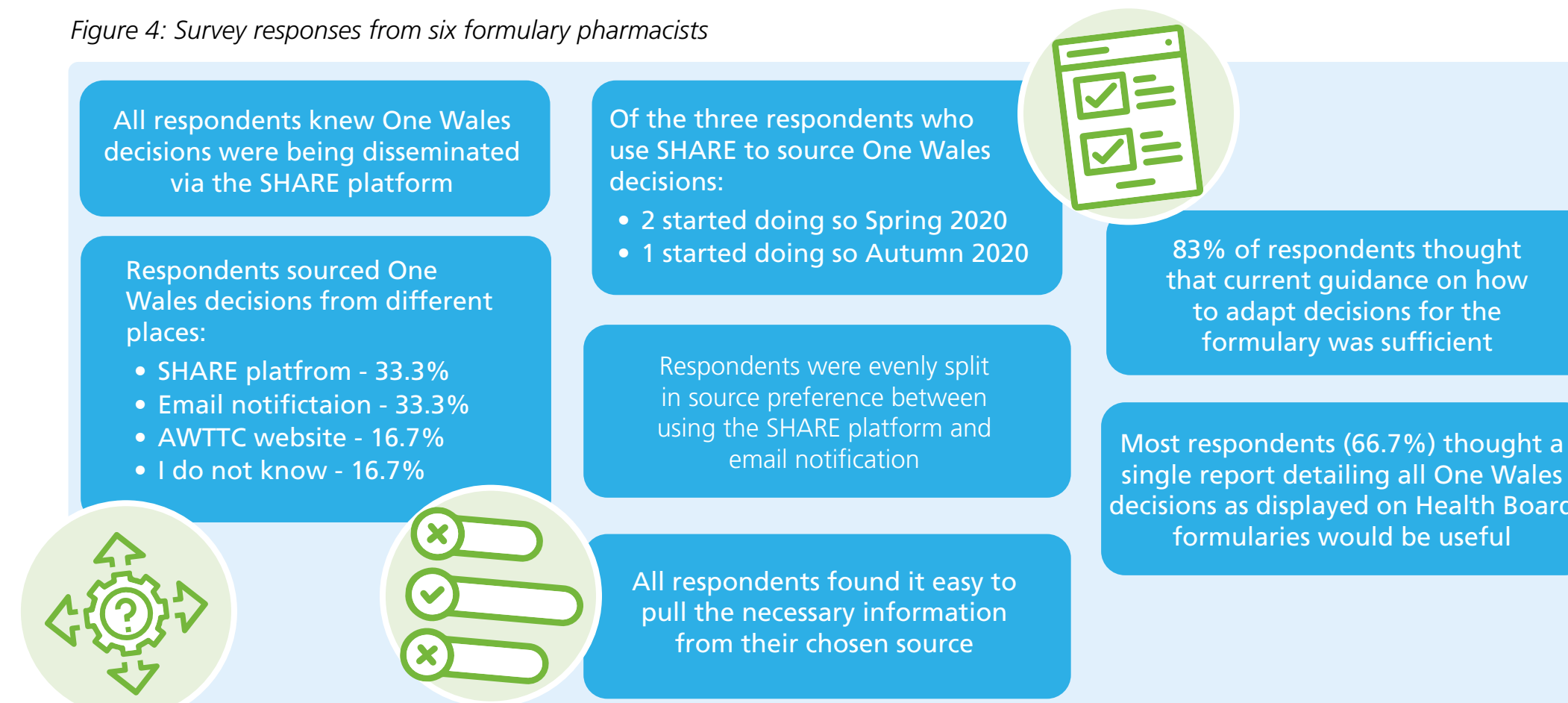
The number and accuracy of One Wales advice displayed on HB formularies for the 13 medicines supported at the time of the first review are shown in Figure 3. One HB had displayed all One Wales information accurately or partially accurately in both reviews. After 12 months, one additional HB had reached the same accuracy. The remaining six HBs showed an improvement of between 1 and 2 medicines in the 2020 review with overall accuracy ranging from 4 to 12 out of the 13 medicines.

Figure 3: Review of One Wales advice displayed on Health Boards formularies in 2019 (blue) and 2020 (green)



The online survey was conducted in March 2021 and anonymous responses were received from six formulary pharmacists. The responses are summarised in Figure 4.

Figure 4: Survey responses from six formulary pharmacists



Conclusions

- All Health Boards had improved their accuracy of One Wales advice presentation on formularies over this timeframe
- Half of responding Health Board formulary pharmacists have engaged with the SHARE platform
- The exercise identifies a need for further improvement in the communication of One Wales advice
- Valuable feedback from respondents was collected and will help the team to continue shaping One Wales stakeholder communication

Future Work

- The One Wales team will undertake a periodic review of the formularies and liaise with the relevant HB staff to further improve formulary accuracy
- A separate thread for One Wales advice will be introduced on the SHARE platform

Take-away

- One Wales advice not always displayed consistently on Health Board formularies
- Health Board formulary review & stakeholder survey performed
- To see if any improvements to the current process could be made
- The results were not as we expected but we had valuable engagement with stakeholders