

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH PATIENT ACCESS SCHEME NOTIFICATION WITHIN NHS WALES

How is NHS Wales informed of the existence of a Department of Health Patient Access Scheme (PAS) for a medicine recommended by the National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE)?

Health boards and the Chairman of the All Wales Drugs Contracting Committee (AWDCC) will be informed by Welsh Government of the existence of a confidential PAS associated with a NICE recommended medicine. Health boards will be advised to contact the manufacturer directly for procurement arrangements. To ensure consistency and to ensure that the PAS is applied, health boards should contact the AWDCC Chairman as a central point for confirmation of the agreed scheme, if required.

