

Enw'r Pwyllgor: Name of Sub-Committee:	Medicines Management Operational Group (MMOG)
Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor: Chair of Sub-Committee:	Dr Subhamay Ghosh, Consultant Anaesthetist and Associate Medical Director for Quality and Safety
Cyfnod Adrodd: Reporting Period:	Meetings held 26 September 2023, 28 November and 23 January 2024.

**Materion Ansawdd, Diogelwch a Phrofiad:
Quality, Safety & Experience Matters:**

The MMOG approved the following written control documents which will have an impact on patient pathways and access to medicines:

Prescribing Information: Summary of antiviral, monoclonal, tocilizumab, sairumab and baricitnib use in the treatment of COVID-19: Updated National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guidance has been issued. The information is linked to updated clinical sites and contents are based on staff feedback.

- **Melatonin for sleep onset difficulties in children:** This prescribing information ensures that licensed products are used appropriately. The information is available to guide both primary and secondary care prescribers.
- **Management of Systematic Anti-cancer Therapy (SACT) Policy:** This covers the South Wales Network and lays out responsibilities for checking prescribing and managing patients, it is a standardised protocol and includes new information about immunotherapies.
- **Penthrox:** This enables equitable seamless care between the Accident and Emergency (A&E), Minor Injury Unit (MIU), Same Day Emergency Care (SDEC) and West Ambulance Service Trust (WAST) (who are already using it.) The benefits for the patients are that they need less monitoring and recover more quickly. Cardigan MIU also require Penthrox for managing dislocations until their Controlled Drug possession licence is in place.
- **General Pharmaceutical Council Deregistration of pharmacy premises: Glangwili, Withybush and Prince Philip Hospital Pharmacies:** MMOG noted the deregistration which reduces the administrative burden and brings us into line with practice in other Health Boards.

Health and Care Standard 2.6 Medicines Management: People receive medication for the correct reason, the right medication at the right dose and at the right time.

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Risks (include Reference to Risk Register reference):**

Medicines Management Risk Register

The Medicines Management Operational Group agreed the following actions:

- **The Home Office (HO) Controlled Drugs (CD) Supply and Possession Licences update.**

Bronglais and Glangwili General Hospital pharmacies have received their CD licences while Withybush and Prince Philip Hospital will be inspected in February 2024. The Community Drugs and Alcohol Team bases will start their Home Office inspections at the same time.

Changes have been made to the method of supply of emergency medicines to the Health Board Dental Clinics and Llandysul GP Out of Hours service to ensure the legal supply and possession.

- **Withybush Aseptic Unit:** The fragility of the service remains high and has been escalated to the Corporate Risk Register.
- **Pharmacy and Medicines Management Recruitment and Retention**
This risk has been added to the Risk Register to reflect the current situation within the directorate and the impact on the efficiency, safety and financial management of medicines.

Health and Care Standard 2.1 Managing Risk and Promoting Health and Safety

Gwella Ansawdd: Quality Improvement:

- **Administration of Injectable Medicines in Non-Acute settings Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)**
This procedure was developed in response to the reorganisation of the services in Pembrokeshire following the Reinforced Aerated Autoclave Concrete (RAAC) challenges resulting in patients requiring intravenous IV fluids and medication being transferred to South Pembrokeshire. This SOP has been developed from the Acute Response Team SOP and will be used to support the governance of future reconfigurations.
- **Community Insulin Prescription and Administration Chart**
This paper was designed for District and Community Nurses when administering Insulin either in their own home or in a care home they requested a standardised information chart. This has gone through a pilot and changes have been in cooperated. The hospital discharge checklist will be activated in the near future.
- **Guideline on anticoagulation in patients with mechanical heart valve replacements**
The Thrombosis Group has developed this new guideline in conjunction with the cardiac surgeons based in Swansea Bay University Health Board (SBUHB).
- **Biosimilar switches**
The homecare team and specialist pharmacists have switched patients to the most cost-efficient biosimilar identified at an All Wales level.
- **The Health Board Primary Care Housekeeping List** was approved by MMOG to ensure the cost-effective use of medicines.
- **Nutrition Support Self-care Pack** was approved to support the 'Food First' campaign in Primary Care and Care Homes.

Health and Care Standard 2.6 Medicines Management

Health and Care Standard 3.1 Safe and Clinically Effective Care: Care, treatment and decision making should reflect best practice based on evidence to ensure that people receive the right care and support to meet their individual needs.

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Recommendation:

QSEC is requested to note the content of the Medicines Management Operational Group update report.

Dyddiad y Cyfarfod Grwp Nesaf:**Date of Next Group Meeting:**

12 March 2024