



Hywel Dda University Health Board

Prescribing Management Scheme (PMS) 2025-26

Hywel Dda University Health Board will run a Medicines Management Prescribing Management Scheme (PMS) for financial year 2025-26 to encourage high quality, safe and cost-effective prescribing.

The PMS will again be mainly focused on the AWMSG National Prescribing Indicators which have recently been refreshed and are in place until 2028 ([National Prescribing Indicators 2025-2028 - All Wales Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre](#)). These nationally agreed indicators support safe and optimised prescribing across our Health Board.

A total of £2,500 per practice is available through the scheme.

PMS Sections

The PMS is divided into three main sections:

- Gateway Requirements (for inclusion into the scheme)
- National Prescribing Indicators performance
- Prescribing of Blood Glucose Testing Strips

Summary of PMS

PMS area	Target Achievements	Reward
Gateway Requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance at 3 out of 4 quarterly GP prescribing leads (April 2025 – March 2026) with demonstrated feedback to practice. • Submit one Yellow Card per 2000 practice population. • Annual PMS visit to be attended by as many prescribers as available on the day of the meeting and completed before end of September 2025. 	Compulsory, to be eligible for reward
Anti-microbial Stewardship	An increase in the number of 5 day prescriptions for amoxicillin, doxycycline and clarithromycin. Measure: Percentage of 5 day prescriptions for amoxicillin 500mg, doxycycline 100mg and clarithromycin 500mg: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 75% or more of prescriptions for Amoxicillin, Doxycycline & Clarithromycin are for 5 days' supply. • 50-74% of prescriptions are for 5 days' supply (see sliding scale). • Less than 50% of prescriptions are for 5 days' supply. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £750 (£250 for each antimicrobial) • Sliding scale up to £250 per antimicrobial • No payment
Opioid Burden	A reduction in the prescribing of opioid burden Measure: Opioid burden (OME per 1000 patients) (March 25 vs March 26 quarter): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice in the lowest quartile of Welsh usage. • Practice above the lowest quartile of Welsh usage and prescribing reduced by 10% or more. • Practice above the lowest quartile of Welsh usage and prescribing reduced by up to 10%. • Practice above the lowest quartile of Welsh usage and increasing. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1,000 • £1,000 • £500 • No payment
Blood Glucose Testing Strips	Increase in compliance with blood glucose testing strips formulary. Measure: Percentage of low cost BGTS items prescribed (March 25 to March 26 quarter) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practice achieves 90% or above of strips costing <£10/50 • Practice achieves between 80% and 89% of strips costing <£10/50 • Practice achieves between 70% and 79% of strips costing <£10/50 • Practices below 70% of strips costing <£10/50 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £750 • £625 • £500 • No payment
Total	The scheme will run from April 2025 to end March 2026. Each practice will receive a payment if targets are met.	Maximum of £2,500

Appendices – Supporting Information

Appendix 1 – Supporting information for Antimicrobial Stewardship

National Prescribing Indicators 2025-2028: [National Prescribing Indicators 2025-2028 - All Wales Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre](#)

NHS England Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR): [NHS England » Antimicrobial resistance \(AMR\)](#)

SPIRA Dashboard: [NPI - Course duration for RTI antibiotics - All Wales Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre](#)

UK 5-year action plan for antimicrobial resistance 2024-2029: [UK 5-year action plan for antimicrobial resistance 2024 to 2029 - GOV.UK](#)

Welsh Government AMR and HCAI improvement goals for 2024-25 [Healthcare associated infections and antimicrobial resistance goals 2024 to 2025 \(WHC/2024/038\) \[HTML\] | GOV.WALES](#)

Appendix 2 – Supporting Information for Opioid Burden

AWMSG All Wales Analgesic Stewardship Guidance: [awttc.nhs.wales/files/guidelines-and-pils/all-wales-analgesic-stewardship-guidancepdf/](#)

AWMSG Tramadol Educational Resources: [Tramadol educational resources - 2021 review - All Wales Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre](#)

AWTTC Resources for Pharmacological management of pain: [Resources for pharmacological management of pain - All Wales Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre](#)

HDUHB Chronic Pain Guideline: [nhswales365.sharepoint.com/sites/HDD_Medicines-management/Shared Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx?id=%2Fsites%2FHDD_Medicines-management%2FShared Documents%2FPharmacy Pain Team%2FHUHB Chronic pain guideline 2020 Final incl Welsh letters%2Epdf&parent=%2Fsites%2FHDD_Medicines-management%2FShared Documents%2FPharmacy Pain Team](#)

HDUHB Guide for reviewing analgesia quantities: [HDD Medicines Optimisation Pharmacy Team - Analgesia Guide.pdf - All Documents](#)

HDUHB Medicines Management Intranet page: [Medicines Optimisation sharepoint](#)

National Prescribing Indicators 2025-2028: [National Prescribing Indicators 2025-2028 - All Wales Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre](#)

SPIRA Dashboard: [NPI - Monthly OMed Measures - All Wales Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre](#)

Appendix 3 – Supporting Information for Blood Glucose Testing Strips

AWMSG Items Identified as Low Value for Prescribing in NHS Wales – Paper 3: [awttc.nhs.wales/files/guidelines-and-pils/items-identified-as-low-value-for-prescribing-in-nhs-wales-paper-3-v4-pdf/](#)

HDUHB Blood Glucose Meters Illustrated Guide: [https://nhswales365.sharepoint.com/:b:/r/sites/HDD_Medicines-management/SiteAssets/SitePages/Workplan-Group/blood-glucose-meters-illustrated-guide-Jan-2025.pdf](#)

SPIRA Dashboard: [Efficiencies - Low value for prescribing supplementary data - All Wales Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre](#)