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Subject:	All Wales pharmaceutical guidance
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Requested:

- A. Is this just "Guidance" or is it mandatory?
Unfortunately the document you refer to lists three groups, AWPAG, AW TTC, AWMSG. No names were provided in answer to my query.
- B. Please provide the names of the people on these groups.
- C. Did the Welsh Government Health Minister agree to this policy?

Response:

- A. Whilst the document referred to is not entitled as a policy but rather a guide, the purpose of the document, which was approved by the All-Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG) is to be used by medical professionals to make an informed decision. The aim and purpose of national guidance of this nature is to assist in the provision of a consistent and approved approach to prescribing matters for all Health Boards in Wales.

The website for the All-Wales Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre (AW TTC) hosted by Cardiff and Vale University Health Board states:

“The All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG) advises Welsh Government about the use, management and prescribing of medicines in Wales. AW TTC supports AWMSG and its subgroups. The role of AWMSG is to:

- Develop timely, independent and authoritative advice on new medicines.
- Advise Welsh Government about future developments in healthcare.
- Help Welsh Government to develop a medicines prescribing strategy for Wales.”

Further information on the role of the AWMSG can be accessed via the following hyperlink:
[Our committees - All Wales Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre \(nhs.wales\)](#)

- B. The UHB has applied a Section 21 exemption to this part of your request, as the information requested is within the public domain and accessible via another means. Details on membership of the named groups is accessible via the AW TTC website, at the hyperlink provided in response to question 1. Any further queries regarding membership of the groups are best directed to the AW TTC.
- C. The UHB does not hold the requested information.