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Subject:	Prescriptions
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Requested:

1. Can you please provide the rules re access to NHS prescriptions following a private consultation, caused by excess NHS wait times.
2. Please also answer when the decision to deny these prescriptions to post private consultation patients was taken and by whom.

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that the guidance referred to on prescribing after private consultation is the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG) Prescribing Dilemmas: A Guide for Prescribers (section 4) which can be found on page 6 of the document. This guidance is available on the NHS All Wales Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre website, which can be accessed via the link provided below:

[Prescribing dilemmas: A guide for prescribers - All Wales Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.nhs.uk/medicines/prescribing-dilemmas-a-guide-for-prescribers)

2. The AWMSG was set up in 2002 and 'advises Welsh Government about the use, management and prescribing of medicines in Wales', with the expectation that all Health Boards in NHS Wales endorse, implement and make decisions based on the guidance in the AWMSG Prescribing Dilemmas: A Guide for Prescribers. A link to this guidance has been provided on page 1.