

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/449
ADHD medication management

Information Requested:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information:

A written copy of the advice created by AWMSG in conjunction with Cardiff and Vale University Health Board regarding the prescribing of medication to manage ADHD that has been initiated following private consultation.

If possible please provide this information in .pdf format.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

Response Details:

The All Wales Therapeutics and Toxicology Centre (AWTTC) provides secretariat services to the All Wales Medicines Strategy Group (AWMSG), a Welsh Government advisory committee on prescribing. AWMSG works in a transparent way and all of its guidance is available in the public domain via the AWTTC website. There is currently no specific AWMSG advice on the prescribing of medication to manage ADHD that has been initiated following private consultation. There is, however [AWMSG Shared care prescribing and monitoring guidance](#). Treatments for ADHD are usually prescribed on a shared care basis. Shared care represents circumstances where primary care accepts the transfer of prescribing responsibility from specialist care, for medicines that require long-term regular monitoring. The monitoring arrangements and responsibilities are set out in a formal shared care protocol for the specific treatment, and the patient continues to be followed-up in reviews by the specialist. The document on AWTTC's website updates the principles of best practice for shared care prescribing agreements; however, it does not specifically relate to ADHD. In addition, the [AWMSG Prescribing Dilemmas document](#) is currently under review. This provides guidance for healthcare professionals on a range of topics including foodstuffs, complementary medicines and alternative therapies, common ailments, fertility treatment, erectile dysfunction, prescribing for self and family, visitors from overseas, travel and occupational health vaccines, prescribing situations not covered by the NHS including private care and private prescriptions, unlicensed medicines and prescribing outside national guidance. Both documents are available in pdf format. Ultimately, it is up to the prescriber as to whether they feel competent to take on any prescribing, irrespective of who recommended it - NHS or private consultant.

All of AWMSG's guidance goes through a very open and transparent process and patients and the public are encouraged to get involved in the consultations which are all published on the AWTTC website.