

Good morning

Thank you for giving the Welsh Assembly Government the opportunity to comment on the above appraisal.

We are particularly encouraged by the move to recognise the value of antivirals even when the evidence of flu circulating nationally may not be there. This accords with our recent experience in Wales of Influenza B outbreaks, which if we had followed the NICE guidelines currently in existence, might have reduced our likelihood of using the antivirals.

Otherwise, we are content with the technical detail of the evidence supporting the appraisal however it would be desirable to see even less emphasis on the requirements around a trigger and much more use of clinical judgement as we normally see with other anti-microbials, i.e. antibiotics for bacteria.

Kind regards

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