

SECTION 2.4: THERAPEUTICS SUB-COMMITTEE

ROLE:

To advise in the development of practice and policies that support the improved access to medicines and treatment and supplies covered by NHS but not in NHSGGC drug formulary, by non medical prescribers. This includes advice and formulary development on medical devices, dressings, nutritional products, urinary catheters, stoma supplies and accessories including:

- Co-ordinating the development, updating and maintenance of NHSGGC Therapeutics Formularies
- Promoting safe, effective and economic use of non drug formularies to maximise health gain
- Managing the evaluation of utilisation data for NHSGGC Therapeutics Formularies

TERMS OF REFERENCE:

The core function of the Therapeutics Sub-Committee will be to:-

- Discuss, agree and ratify the recommendations prepared by relevant groups for the Therapeutic Formularies. The identified groups for stoma, nutritional products, dressings, urinary catheters and medical devices will agree products for inclusion in the relevant Formularies, liaising with relevant stakeholders, considering the products with respect to the following:
 - Economic Impact
 - Service Impact
 - Potential clinical governance issues
- Support local groups already in existence or short life working groups that would:
 - Evaluate utilisation data to review trends
 - Develop innovative strategies to promote quality and cost-effective use of non medical formularies
 - Develop and maintain a register of specialist/clinical groups for consultation to inform local decision making and implementation
- Monitor adherence to the Therapeutics Formularies
- Commission protocols and treatment guidelines where appropriate
- Maintain, develop and promote NHSGGC Therapeutics Formulary including co-ordination of a programme of regular review
- Develop criteria for inclusion in the various non medical formularies
- Report to ADTC, relevant non drug/service issues, highlighting potential clinical governance issues resulting from the introduction of new products/formulary changes
- Liaise with procurement to ensure availability of products across both primary and acute sector
- Support the activities of the PGD Sub-Group
- Monitor the maintenance of a master index PGDs
- Monitor and support implementation of non medical prescribing across NHSGGC

SECTION 2: AREA DRUG AND THERAPEUTICS COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEES

EXECUTIVE AND MEMBERSHIP:

- Lead Clinician Prescribing Services
- Non Medical Prescribing Lead – NMPAs
- Procurement Representative
- General Practitioner
- Practice Nurse Advisor

- Representation from at least two of the following Directorates:
 - North Sector
 - South sector
 - Clyde Sector

- Representation form at least two of the following Specialities:
 - Tissue Viability
 - Podiatry
 - Stoma
 - Vascular
 - Other specialist areas as required

- Primary Care Lead Clinical Pharmacist
- Representative from Central Prescribing Team
- Clinical Dietetics representative/Dietetics Prescribing Advisor
- Community Pharmacy Contract Team

ATTENDEES:

- Golden Jubilee National Hospital representative
- NHS Argyll and Bute representative

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS:

2 monthly
PGD subgroup meets 2-3 monthly depending on workload

ACCOUNTABILITY:

Area Drug and Therapeutics Committee

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES:

- Chair Area Drugs and Therapeutics Committee
- Chair of the Dressing & Sundries Committee
- Chair of the Communications Sub Committee
- Head of Nursing (All Directorates)
- Associate Medical Directors (All Directorates)
- HSCP Prescribing Leads
- HSCP Lead Nurse
- Lead Pharmacist (acute services)