

SECTION 2: AREA DRUG AND THERAPEUTICS COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEES

2.6: ANTIMICROBIAL UTILISATION SUBCOMMITTEE

ROLE:

The Antimicrobial Utilisation Subcommittee of the ADTC advises on all aspects of antimicrobial prescribing policy and practice. The overall aim is to support the board's antimicrobial stewardship programme and maintain the effectiveness of antimicrobial agents for the population of NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde, both in acute hospital and primary care settings.

The Subcommittee will support the wider prescribing management agenda for the cost effective use of antimicrobials. It will act as a resource for (a) advice to the ADTC and (b) support to the Antimicrobial Management Team (AMT).

REMIT:

- Promote the safe, effective and economic use of antimicrobial agents
- Reduce and rationalise the unnecessary and inappropriate use of antimicrobials
- Support the development of guidelines for the prophylaxis and treatment of common infections in clinical practice
- Monitor the impact of these guidelines in accordance with local and national indicators of good prescribing practice.
- Promote awareness of prescribing priorities across primary care in general practice, general dental practice and community pharmacy.
- Provide the ADTC with advice on the relevance of national guidance (e.g. from HIS - including SMC, SAPG, SIGN) which relates to antimicrobial therapy
- Promote implementation of ADTC policy on antimicrobials across the Acute Service Directorates and Health and Social Care Partnerships
- Link with the Acute and Board Infection Control Committees, the AMT and other relevant ADTC Subcommittees
- Facilitate audit, quality improvement, research and evaluation activity which informs antimicrobial prescribing

EXECUTIVE AND MEMBERSHIP:

- Chair (Senior clinician or pharmacist from the ADTC)
- AMT Leads (Medicine, Microbiology and Pharmacy)
- HSCP Prescribing Lead
- 3 Microbiologists representing North, South and Clyde sectors
- Adult and paediatric infectious diseases physicians
- Consultant Physicians x 4 (representing North, South, Clyde, Women and Children's and Regional Sectors and including representatives from Medicine, Surgery, Anaesthetics/Intensive care, Haemato-oncology)
- General Practitioner
- Infection prevention and control lead doctor
- Infection Control Manager
- Senior nursing representative nominated by the Board's Director of Nursing
- Pharmacy & Prescribing Support Unit
 - Medicines Information/Clinical Effectiveness Pharmacist
 - Public health Pharmacist
 - Clinical Governance Pharmacist
 - Nominee of the Lead Clinical Pharmacists group

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FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS:

Quarterly

ACCOUNTABILITY:

Area Drug & Therapeutics Committee

RELATIONSHIPS/COMMUNICATIONS:

- ADTC Subcommittees
- Acute and Board Control of Infection Committees
- AMT
- Acute Service Clinical Governance Groups
- HSCP Prescribing Leads
- PPSU

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APPENDIX 1

**NHS GREATER GLASGOW AND CLYDE
Area Drug and Therapeutics Committee**

Process for selection of Sub-Committee Chair appointments

The ADTC is an advisory committee to the NHS Board. The Terms of Reference indicate there should be a Chair for each Sub-Committee, each representing a different aspect of the work of the parent committee. The position is usually for 3 years. When the position of Sub-Committee Chair requires to be filled the following process should apply:-

- (a) All Members of the relevant Sub-Committee should be notified of the vacancy, together with information about the responsibilities, time commitment and role in support of the ADTC and ADTC Executive.
- (b) The Head of Board Administration (or nominee) will invite all Members to express an interest in applying for the stated position. This can be a self nomination or a nomination on behalf of another member, with that member's support.
- (c) A timescale of 15 working days will be set between the announcement inviting nominations to the deadline for receipt. Nominations should be submitted in confidence to the Head of Board Administration (or nominee). Subsequently, all nominations will be passed to the ADTC Chair, who will liaise with the ADTC Vice Chairs and the Head of PPSU.
- (d) Where only one Member has expressed an interest, the Chair and one of the Vice Chairs will consider their relevant experience and thereafter make a recommendation to the Head of Board Administration (or nominee) to endorse any decision to appoint to the position.
- (e) If two or more Members express an interest in the position, the Chair will inform them both accordingly and will advise about a criteria based approach to reach a recommendation (e.g. this may include time served as ADTC member, experience on ADTC Executive, leadership in ADTC policy matters, participation on ADTC Sub-Committees, SMC / NDC membership). This exercise will be taken by a 'virtual panel' consisting of the Chair, Vice Chair and a third member of the ADTC Executive as deemed appropriate by the Chair.
- (f) The final recommendation will be submitted by the Chair to the Head of Board Administration (or nominee) who will then formally notify the successful candidate.