



A Meeting of the **Borders Area Drugs and Therapeutics Committee** held at 12:30pm on
Wednesday, 13th November 2019 in Estates Meeting Room
MINUTE

In Attendance: Alison Wilson (Director of Pharmacy) (Chair) (AW); Mark Clark (Non Medical Prescribing Lead/Infection Control Lead) (MC); Keith Maclure (Lead Pharmacist – Medicines Utilization & Planning) (KMacl); Adrian Mackenzie (Lead Pharmacist Community) (AMack); Dr Elliot Longworth (GP) (EL); Dr Nicola Henderson (GP) (NH); Andrew Leitch (Lay Member) (AL); Kate Warner (Minute Secretary) (KW)

Guests: Fiona Bathgate, Deputy Accountable Aseptic and Clinical Pharmacist – attending to speak to Item 7.1 at start of the meeting (FB);
 Pamela Macintyre, Lead for Prescribing & Clinical Pharmacy, West Dunbartonshire HSCP (PM)

1. **Apologies & Announcements:** Dr Cliff Sharp (Medical Director) (CS); Dr Rachel Stewart (Consultant DME) (RS); Keith Allan (Public Health Consultant) (KA) ; Liz Leitch (Formulary Pharmacist) (LL); Dr Edward James (Consultant Microbiologist) (EJ); Cathryn Park (Lead Pharmacist – Acute Care & Medicines Governance) (CP)

Item	Situation ; Background ; Assessment	Recommendation	Person	Timescale
2.	Declarations of Interest: None			
3.	DRAFT Minute previous meeting			
	Draft minute from meeting held 11 th September 2019 was approved with no changes as an accurate record of the meeting. AW – CS to be removed from meeting distribution; RS ask if able to attend again or send deputy.	ADTC approved for upload to Internet/Intranet	KW	14/11/19
4.	Matters Arising			
4.1	None			
5.	NEW MEDICINE APPLICATIONS:			
5.1	NFR Opicapone was discussed with all details in NFR database and folder.	Letter to applicant	KW	18/11/19
6.	PATIENT & MEDICINES SAFETY:			
6.1	Medicines Reconciliation – no update available			
7.	CLINICAL POLICIES, PROCEDURES and GUIDELINES for APPROVAL:			
7.1	Fiona Bathgate, Clinical Pharmacist, with responsibility for Homecare, presented the NHS Borders Homecare Medicines Services Policy. This is a new policy for governance of Homecare. Since the agenda was circulated there had been two minor updates and FB updated	ADTC Approved with noted changes made. Add to the policy to	FB	18/11/19

	the committee on these updates. KMacI asked about including guidance when prescriptions come in from out of area as there may be patients who are known locally to require a different level of support/delivery. This would stop any unused medication being received by local pharmacist for destruction. Committee discussed a way for external bodies to discuss with local clinicians/pharmacists for advice on patient. FB commented on the key performance indicators coming from Homecare and National Procurement and being based on which centre issues the prescriptions. ADTC requested that a Homecare annual report be submitted after the financial year end.	make out of area prescription process clearer. Review invoicing Schedule and include FB for annual report	AW KW	18/11/19 18/11/19
7.2	NHS Borders New Medicines Applications Process – Flowchart Update – updated to clarify the non-submission and non-approved by SMC.	ADTC Approved For intranet	KW	18/11/19
8.	FOR INFORMATION and NOTING:			
8.1	Management of a Red Clozapine Result – updated guideline. ADTC noted the updated and requested that page 2 – should be 10 ⁹ Not 109 - similar to next line	ADTC Noted; request change as noted	KW	14/11/19
8.2	Letter from Chief Nursing Officer to Health Board Chief Executives stating the new standards and indicators for HAI and Antibiotic Use. This has been cascaded to relevant Board leads. AW commented that the Antimicrobial Team will take this forward. KMacI asked how widely this is publicised; NH commented that GPs receive practice specific feedback and this is discussed at practice and cluster level. Prescribing Support Team has been working on this with Hawick practices and ADTC asked for feedback on implementation.	ADTC Noted Feedback to ATC from PST Hawick	KMacI	03/01/20
8.3	MC reported on the Electronic Medicine Cabinets that were installed in Wards 4, 5, 6 and Emergency Department 6 months ago. After a few initial teething problems, the cabinets have been a resounding success and well received. A 6-month report is currently being compiled for NHS Borders Endowment Committee to support wider roll out of cabinets to other wards/areas. MC reported that success has included improving governance: with information on storage and administration of drugs; and financial: reducing waste and improving time spent for pharmacy and nursing staff. Potential costs savings for medicines across the four wards/areas was discussed. The Programme Management Office (PMO) is assisting with the review of staff time to quantify the savings and efficiencies. The cabinets have highlighted issues around controlled drug administration that can now be addressed with the ability to drill down to cabinet access and responsibility and this has governance benefits. AMack commented on the highlighting of antibiotic use in Emergency Department which has led to improved patient safety. The level of data produced will lead to other benefits which have been seen by teams such as the Antimicrobial Team. MC commented that the cabinets cannot be completely failsafe but have tightened up administration and governance significantly. Use in Community Hospital was discussed and also combined use with Attend Anywhere technology – improved audit trail and community staff governance would be possible. Each cabinet should pay for itself in two years – on medicines waste reduction alone. Emergency Department have given excellent feedback from all staff – medics and nurses. Other	ADTC Noted		

	wards/areas are requesting.			
8.4	HEPMA Update (Hospital Electronic Prescribing and Medicines Administration). AW, along with Jackie Stephen (JS), Head of IM&T have approached the Board Executive Team (BET) to request Board commitment to HEPMA. Scottish Government has requested feedback from Boards on their current position and has outlined funding. NHS Borders is not at the stage of requesting funding, and other Boards have not all received requested amount, so there needs to be Board commitment to the project. BET has agreed to support. It has been made clear that this is a clinical/nursing project and should not be driven by Pharmacy or IM&T; the Medical Director and Nursing Director have agreed to this. HEPMA currently is not included in local eHealth plan and will need to be included in strategy as soon as appropriate. Expectation for Borders is that work will begin in 2020 with pilot followed by roll out in 2022.	ADTC Noted Recruit a clinical lead for Borders HEPMA project	AW/JS	29/11/19
8.	Medicines Shortages and Brexit Updates – AW commented that the shortages are not linked to Brexit plans and that there is a process in place with different levels of alerts from Scottish Government for medicines shortages that are disseminated as appropriate. There is a national Medicines Shortage Review Group which local Boards input to and this is providing a coordinated approach although not currently addressing the issues of shortages. NHS Borders has a policy and flowchart to provide shortages information and processes. There are local Brexit groups for NHS Borders and Scottish Borders Council with collaboration between the two and Pharmacy involvement. There are no Brexit updates at this time.	ADTC Noted		
8.6	ADTC Collaborative October Newsletter included updates on Brexit, Medicines Shortage, SNF, EAMS, Medicines in Prisons, ADTCC webex and visits from ADTCC Leads. AW reported on the Single National Formulary with plans underway for the East region – Lothian, Fife, Borders to test the new platform. This will be a national platform with a regional approach. KW and LL have reviewed the early stages of the new SNF platform and it is easy to use and comprehensive so far. NH asked about locums who are finding searching the current formulary difficult – there is no local printed version now. AMack commented on his involvement with the new single formulary for minor ailments (white list) and AW asked that GPs be involved in any reviews and discussions.	ADTC Noted Resend Abbreviated Borders Joint Formulary to GPs to print for locums	KW	14/11/19
9.	FEEDBACK from SUB GROUPS			
9.1	Borders Formulary Committee DRAFT Minute from meeting 9 th October 2019	ADTC Noted		
9.2	Antimicrobial Management Team Minute; 14 th August 2019	ADTC Noted		
9.3	Anticoagulant Committee Minute - No recent meeting			
9.4	IV Therapy Group DRAFT Minute; 18 th September 2019	ADTC Noted		
9.5	Tissue Viability Steering Group DRAFT minute October 2019	ADTC Noted		
9.6	Wound Formulary Group DRAFT Minute - Next meeting to be held on 27 th November 2019. MC updated ADTC on the Wound Formulary compliance data and time spent with practice and treatment room nurses to match the GP LES requirements. AW requested a report on	Wound Formulary compliance report to MRG December	MC KW	03/12/19 03/12/19

	compliance and improvements made to be tabled at Medicines Resource Group; use of silver dressings has been raised at that Group recently.	agenda		
9.7	NHS Lothian ADTC Minute – 2 nd August 2019	ADTC Noted		
10.	AOCB			
10.1	SBAR on Dermatology savings – Tildrakizumab (Ilumetri) was tabled by Fiona Bathgate, Clinical Pharmacist (FB). The SBAR was circulated at the meeting and FB spoke of the ongoing work in this area and the pricing offer made by the Pharmaceutical company for loading (first three) doses. This is a rebate on first three packs until March 2020. National Procurement is aware of the offer and has asked Boards to approve individually if suitable for them and to feedback responses. No patient information is requested by the company. Saving would be made at point of purchase – not as a rebate. Homecare route is not advised for the first three doses and this will be via BGH Pharmacy and patient education from specialist nurses. Drug is on Borders Formulary but is not first choice. Costs and patient numbers were discussed by ADTC. Whilst this is a saving for NHS Borders it must also be of clinical benefit to the patients. Tildrakizumab (Ilumetri) has benefit of less immune infections. Some patients have been identified as potential switch.	ADTC Approved appropriate switch after agreement reviewed by Deputy Director of Finance	FB JC	18/11/19 18/11/19
Date and time of next meeting: 8th January 2020 at 12:30pm in the Estates Meeting Room.				
Items for future meetings:				