



AREA DRUG & THERAPEUTICS COMMITTEE

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Introduction:

The Area Drug and Therapeutics Committee is a standing committee of NHS Borders Board. Patient Safety is at the heart of all considerations and decisions made by the ADTC and its sub-committees.

Remit

1. To advise and support the strategic direction of all aspects of medicines governance and usage in all care settings ensuring inclusion within wider strategic planning carried out by the NHS Board.
2. To ensure multi-stakeholder engagement and joint working on all medicine related issues within all care settings, including social care settings.
3. To develop and monitor Borders-wide prescribing policies and treatment guidelines to optimise safe and cost effective use of medicines.
4. To advise, monitor and co-ordinate the development and approval of policies and procedures relating to prescribing, administration and the safe and secure handling of medicines and support NHS Borders Board in meeting its statutory responsibilities in relation to medicines and prescribing.
5. To support NHS Borders Board in the delivery of a comprehensive approach to national policy regarding medicines, linking with Regional and National groups.
6. To oversee the systems for safer medicines use, including SPSP Safer Medicines Group / Medicines Reconciliation
7. To respond to national directives and initiatives related to the use of medicines, in particular that issued by the Scottish Medicines Consortium, Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN), National Institute for Healthcare and Clinical Excellence (NICE),.
8. To oversee the system for evaluation of new therapeutic developments and effectively manage their introduction into routine use in NHS Borders. The committee will consider new medicine applications where a decision is required before the next Formulary Committee meeting.
9. To ensure systems are in place for the dissemination of information and advice to professional staff, patients and public promoting safe, efficient and cost-effective use of medicines taking into account current evidence and best practice.
10. To promote seamless care for patients transferring between community and hospital care.
11. To ensure equitable access to medicines through non-medical prescribing and patient group directions.
12. The ADTC provides advice to NHS Borders, and supports the work of the Area Medical Committee, Area Pharmaceutical Committee, Area Nursing and Midwifery Committee and other relevant profession committees.

Structure and Organisation:

Standing sub committees/groups reporting to the Area Drug and Therapeutics Committee (ADTC) are:-

- Anti-Coagulant Committee
- Antimicrobial Team
- Borders Formulary Committee (BFC)
- Individual Patient Treatment Request (IPTR) Panel
- IV Therapy Group
- Non Medical Prescribing (NMP) steering group
- Tissue Viability Group
- Wound Formulary Group

Minutes from recent meetings of these groups are included in the ADTC agenda.

The full ADTC meets on alternative months with the Borders Formulary Committee.

ADTC MEMBERSHIP: 2019/20 – NHS BORDERS

Mrs Alison Wilson, Chair (Non-executive Board Member; Chair of Area Clinical Forum)

Dr Edward James, Consultant Microbiologist

Dr Rachel Stewart, Consultant, BGH – virtual member (email for approvals when required)

Mrs Cathryn Park, Lead Pharmacist Acute Care & Medicines Governance / Deputy Director of Pharmacy

Mr Keith Allan, Vice Chair – Public Health Consultant

Dr Elliot Longworth, General Practitioner, West Linton Medical Practice

Dr Nicola Henderson, General Practitioner, Coldstream Medical Practice

Ms Liz Leitch, Formulary Pharmacist

Mr Keith Maclure, Senior Pharmacist medicines utilisation and planning

Mr Adrian Mackenzie, Lead Pharmacist – Community Pharmacy

Mr Mark Clark, Lead Nurse Non-Medical Prescribing and Medicines Governance

Mr Andrew Leitch, Lay member (nominated by the Patient & Public Forum)

Mrs Kate Warner, Committee Secretariat (PA to Director of Pharmacy)

Applications for Approval April 2019 – March 2020

NEW MEDICINE APPLICATIONS BROUGHT TO ADTC MEETING OF 8 th MAY 2019			
NMA	Indication	Speciality	ADTC Decision
Carnoys (Carnoys)	Management of odontogenic keratocystic tumours (KCOTs)	ENT	Category B
NEW MEDICINE APPLICATIONS BROUGHT TO ADTC MEETING OF 10 th JULY 2019			
NMA	Indication	Speciality	ADTC Decision
No New Medicines Applications at this meeting			
NEW MEDICINE APPLICATIONS BROUGHT TO ADTC MEETING OF 11 th SEPTEMBER 2019			
NMA	Indication	Speciality	ADTC Decision
Bevacizumab (Avastin)	Wet age-related macular degeneration.	Ophthalmology	Category F – to be heard at BFC 09/10/19
NEW MEDICINE APPLICATIONS BROUGHT TO ADTC MEETING OF 13 th NOVEMBER 2019			
NMA	Indication	Speciality	ADTC Decision
No New Medicines Applications at this meeting			
NEW MEDICINE APPLICATIONS BROUGHT TO ADTC MEETING OF 8 th JANUARY 2020			
NMA	Indication	Speciality	ADTC Decision
Meeting Cancelled – No applications			
NEW MEDICINE APPLICATIONS BROUGHT TO ADTC MEETING OF 11 th MARCH 2020			
NMA	Indication	Speciality	ADTC Decision
Imiquimod (Zyclara)	Topical treatment of clinically typical, nonhyperkeratotic, nonhypertrophic, visible or palpable actinic keratosis of the full face or balding scalp in immunocompetent adults when other topical treatment options are contraindicated or less appropriate; SMC restriction: for the treatment of large field actinic keratosis (>25cm ²)	Dermatology	Category A

Schedule of business considered – April 2019 – March 2020

Meeting	Title of Business Discussed
08.05.2019	Matters Arising: Rapid tranquilization in the Older Adult Inpatient – Mental Health Unit - update.
	New Medicines Applications: Carnoys (Carnoys).
	Non Formulary Requests: Sativex.
	Patient & Medicine Safety: No update.
	Clinical Policies, Procedures and Guidelines: Bevacizumab; Edoxaban; NHS Borders Homecare Medicines Policy; ADTC Annual Report; Medicines Shortage Protocol for primary care; Lothian PACS Tier 2 application process.
	For Information and Noting: Guidance on the Implementation of the Ultra Orphan Pathway; Private Patient Policy; Yellow Care Reporting Q1-3 2018; minutes from Borders Formulary Committee, Antimicrobial Team; Anticoagulation Committee; IV Therapy Group, Tissue Viability Group; and NHS Lothian ADTC meetings.
	AOCB: Request for support of single nurse checking pilot study.
Meeting	Title of Business Discussed
10.07.2019	Matters Arising: None.
	New Medicines Applications: None.
	Non Formulary Requests: Benralizumab; Sativex; Anakinra; Mepolizumab.
	Patient & Medicine Safety: Pharmacy test of change update; medicines reconciliation review of target.
	Clinical Policies, Procedures and Guidelines: Intravenous Flush Policy; Valproate & Antipsychotic Guidance; ADTC Terms of Reference national changes; Melatonin.
	For Information and Noting: minutes from Borders Formulary Committee, Antimicrobial

	Team, IV Therapy Group, Tissue Viability Group; Wound Formulary Group, and NHS Lothian ADTC meetings.
	AOCB: NFR Guanfacine; application feedback process; Cannabis statement request to Board.
Meeting	Title of Business Discussed
11.09.2019	Matters Arising: Rivaroxaban to Edoxaban switch update.
	New Medicines Applications: Bevacixumab.
	Non Formulary Requests: Glycopyrronium; Guanfacine; Erenumab; haematology paediatric request.
	Patient & Medicine Safety: Group has been stood down until required in future.
	Clinical Policies, Procedures and Guidelines: Insulin Dose Adjustment; Code of Practice for Control of Medicines; policy for Supply of Anti-emetic Prophylaxis for staff accompanying patients on inter-hospital transfer; Lothian PACS Tier 2 recording of decisions for Borders patients; Protocol for Extended (VTE) Prophylaxis for Orthopaedic Patients; Paramedic Prescribing; Hyperkalaemia Guideline; SNAP multi disciplinary care pathways; Flowchart of Medicines Applications; PGD Policy and Change Log; PACS Tier 2 summary of issues review.
	For Information and Noting: Medicines Shortages and Brexit update; Thoughtful Decision Making and Prescribing; HEPMA Implementation programme; Disclosure UK online database; minutes from Borders Formulary Committee, Antimicrobial Team, Anticoagulant Committee; IV Therapy Group and NHS Lothian ADTC meetings.
	AOCB: None.
Meeting	Title of Business Discussed
13.11.2019	Matters Arising: None
	New Medicines Applications: None
	Non Formulary Requests: Opicapone.
	Clinical Policies, Procedures and Guidelines: NHS Borders Homecare Medicines Services Policy; Flowchart of Medicines Applications – update.
	For Information and Noting: Management of a Red Clozapine Result Guideline updated; New standards and indicators for HAI and Antibiotic Use; Electronic Medicine Cabinets; HEPMA update; Medicines Shortages and Brexit update; ADTC Collaborative October newsletter; minutes from Borders Formulary Committee, Antimicrobial Team, IV Therapy Group, Tissue Viability Group and NHS Lothian ADTC meetings.
	AOCB: Dermatology – Tildrakizumab.
Meeting	Title of Business Discussed
08.01.2020	Meeting Cancelled
Meeting	Title of Business Discussed
11.03.2020	Matters Arising: Homecare Policy changes made and resubmitted – approved.
	New Medicines Applications: Imiquimod.
	Non Formulary Requests:None
	Clinical Policies, Procedures and Guidelines: Single Practitioner Administration of Medicines; DOAC Patient Booklet and Alert Card; Anticoagulation Bridging for patients with Severe Renal Impairment or End Stage Renal Disease guideline; Proposed Change to Supply of Continence Products; National Framework for Scotland for Healthcare Support Workers.
	For Information and Noting: Automated Ward Cabinets update; National Minor Ailments List amendments; PAS and PCRS Annual Report 2018-19; ADTCC Cannabis Letter from Health Improvement Scotland; SMC Update presentation; Intravenous Antibiotic Use in NHS Scotland; HEPMA update; Changes to streamline SMC submissions process; Yellow Card Scotland Annual Report 2018-19; SACT Consent Guidance 2019; minutes from Borders Formulary Committee, Antimicrobial Team; IV Therapy Group; Tissue Viability Group; Wound Formulary Group; and NHS Lothian ADTC meetings.
AOCB: PGDs coming up for expiry during Covid-19 time to be extended as the new three year extension approved in PGD policy.	

Attendance for ADTC during 2019/20

Dates of Meetings						
	08.05.19	10.07.19	11.09.19	13.11.19	08.01.20	11.03.20
Name						
Mrs Alison Wilson	✓	✓	✓	✓	CANCELLED	✓
Mr Keith Allan	-	✓	✓	-		
Dr Rachel Stewart	-	-	-	-		
Dr Nicola Henderson	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Dr Elliot Longworth		-		✓		
Dr Edward James	✓	✓	✓	-		
Mrs Cathryn Park	-	-	-	-		
Ms Liz Leitch	✓	✓	✓	-		✓
Mr Keith Maclure	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Mr Adrian Mackenzie	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Mr Mark Clark	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Mr Andrew Leitch	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Mrs Kate Warner (Minute)	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Invited Guests:						
Dr Annabel Howell	✓					
Gillian Bremner			✓			
Jill Little			✓			
Fiona Bathgate				✓		
Pamela MacIntyre				✓		
Dr Gemma Alcorn						✓
Fiona Grant						✓