



**AREA DRUG & THERAPEUTICS
COMMITTEE**

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Introduction

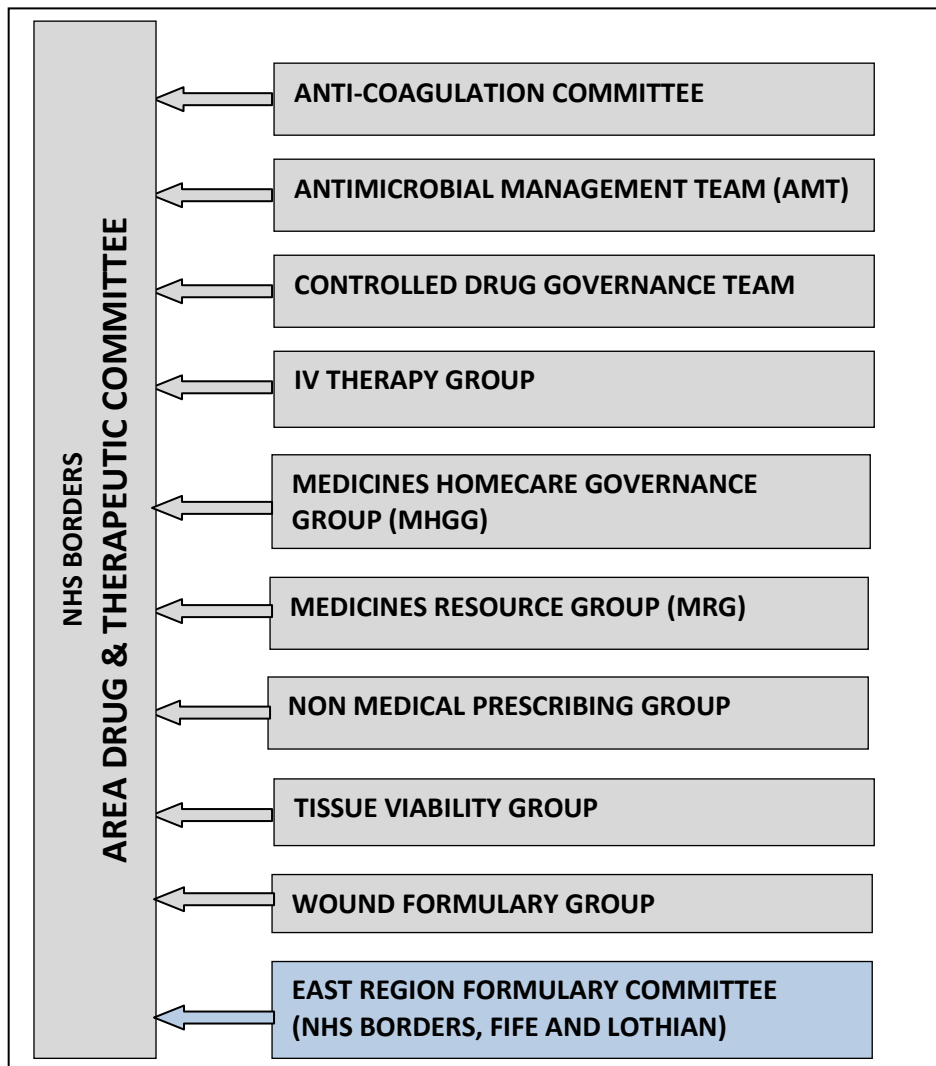
The Area Drug and Therapeutics Committee is a standing committee of NHS Borders Board. Patient Safety is at the heart of all considerations and decisions made by the ADTC and its sub-committees.

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:-



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

ADTC MEMBERSHIP: 2021/22 – NHS BORDERS

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

Keith Allan, Vice Chair – Public Health Consultant

Dr Edward James, Consultant Microbiologist

Dr Effie Dearden, Consultant Physician DME, BGH

Dr Nicola Henderson, General Practitioner, Coldstream Medical Practice (Dr Elliot Longworth, General Practitioner, West Linton Medical Practice as deputy if required)

Liz Leitch, Formulary Pharmacist

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

Keith Maclure, Lead Pharmacist - Medicines Utilisation & Planning

Adrian Mackenzie, Lead Pharmacist – Community Pharmacy

Rhona Morrison, Lead Nurse Non-Medical Prescribing and Medicines

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

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

Applications for Approval April 2021 – March 2022

NEW MEDICINE APPLICATIONS BROUGHT TO ADTC MEETING OF 26 TH MAY 2021			
NMA	Indication	Speciality	ADTC Decision
No New Medicines Applications at this meeting			
NEW MEDICINE APPLICATIONS BROUGHT TO ADTC MEETING OF 28 TH JULY 2021			
NMA	Indication	Speciality	ADTC Decision
No New Medicines Applications at this meeting			
NEW MEDICINE APPLICATIONS BROUGHT TO ADTC MEETING OF 22 ND SEPTEMBER 2021			
NMA	Indication	Speciality	ADTC Decision
Sarilumab (Kevzara)	Treatment of adult patient admitted to ICU / high dependency with COVID19 pneumonia.	ICU	Category B
NEW MEDICINE APPLICATIONS BROUGHT TO ADTC MEETING OF 24 TH NOVEMBER 2021			
NMA	Indication	Speciality	ADTC Decision
No New Medicines Applications at this meeting			
NEW MEDICINE APPLICATIONS BROUGHT TO ADTC MEETING OF 26 TH JANUARY 2022			
NMA	Indication	Speciality	ADTC Decision
Coloplast (Brava Protective Seal – code 12035 and 12045)	For use around a stoma to build up area, absorb excess moisture, provide comfort, prevent bag leaks, prevent skin breakdown and in turn reduce the amount of bag changes required.	Stoma Service	Category C
Sarilumab (Kevzara)	Rheumatoid Arthritis.	Rheumatology	Category B
NEW MEDICINE APPLICATIONS BROUGHT TO ADTC MEETING OF 23 RD MARCH 2022			
NMA	Indication	Speciality	ADTC Decision
No New Medicines Applications at this meeting			

Schedule of business considered – April 2021 – March 2022

Meeting	Title of Business Discussed
26.05.2021	Matters Arising: East Regional Formulary update; Shared Care Protocol process.
	New Medicines Applications: None
	Non Formulary Requests: Oxymethalone
	Patient & Medicine Safety: None
	Clinical Policies, Procedures and Guidelines: Treatment of Depression Pathway; Approved list for NHS Pharmacy First Scotland; ADTC Annual Report 2020-21.
	For Information and Noting: East Regional Formulary update; new Lothian Formulary App; Paediatric License Extensions; new prescription for adjuvant zoledronic acid patients; updated and approved Midwife Extensions and PGDs; updates to Insulin Dose Adjustment policy; PGD Specified Bowel Preparation Products to adult patients undergoing CCE; NHS Borders Hospital Antimicrobial Point Prevalence Survey 2020; update to Steroid Emergency Card; Independent Medicines & medical Devices Safety Review; MRHA advice – Astra Zeneca COVID Vaccine; PHE Guide to support decision making for AZ vaccine; minutes from Borders Formulary Committee, Antimicrobial Management Team, Anticoagulant Committee, IV Therapy Group and NHS Lothian ADTC meetings.
	AOCB: NFR above.
Meeting	Title of Business Discussed
28.07.2021	Matters Arising: Update to Borders Joint Formulary
	New Medicines Applications: None
	Non Formulary Requests: None
	Patient & Medicine Safety: Datix summary report; students shadowing Pharmacy staff
	Clinical Policies, Procedures and Guidelines: update to NHSB Policy for Processing Requests to Prescribe Unlicensed Medicines; Off-label Medicines; Non-Formulary Requests; or Peer Approved Clinical System (PACS) Tier Two Requests; Update to Symptomatic Relief Policy in Adult Patients; update to Community Hospital Discharge Policy; update to NHSB Intravenous Flush Policy; SAPG Protocol for Implementation of Penicillin Allergy De-Labeling in Adult Patients in Acute Hospitals; GPCP Guidance documents; NHSB Homecare Annual Report; NHSB Controlled Drug Accountable Officer Annual Report; Shared Care Agreement/Guidance responsibility.
	For Information and Noting: East Regional Formulary update; Lyrica (Pregabalin) litigation information request; Antimicrobial Team Work Plan 2021-22; HIS Safe Use of Valproate information gathering; Maternity & Assisted Birth Practitioner PGD and Midwife Exemptions; update advice on Chloramphenicol eye drops; update to use of Remdesivir – covid19; MHRA revisions Moderna and Pfizer/Bio Tech covid19 vaccines; minutes from Borders Formulary Committee, Antimicrobial Management Team, Medicines Homecare Governance Group, Wound Formulary Group and NHS Lothian

	ADTC meetings.
	AOCB: None
Meeting	Title of Business Discussed
22.09.2021	Matters Arising: None
	New Medicines Applications: Sarilumab (Kevzara)
	Non Formulary Requests: None
	Patient & Medicine Safety: Datix Update
	Clinical Policies, Procedures and Guidelines: Prescribing Administration of Topical Morphine Guideline; Updated Guideline for the use of Amiodarone/
	For Information and Noting: East Region Formulary update; Quarterly Medicines Procurement Update; Covid Therapeutic Alert – Palivizumab; HIS Update on Steroid Emergency Card. Minute from Borders Formulary Committee, Antimicrobial Team, IV Therapy Group, Wound Formulary Group and NHS Lothian ADTC meetings.
	AOCB: Covid Drug Process
Meeting	Title of Business Discussed
24.11.2021	Matters Arising: None
	New Medicines Applications: None
	Non Formulary Requests: None
	Patient & Medicine Safety: Datix Update
	Clinical Policies, Procedures and Guidelines: Medication Assisted Treatment Prescribing Guidelines; NHS Borders Approval to Practice documentation for Pharmacy First Plus; Disease Modifying Anti-Rheumatic Drugs Guidelines; GP Surgery Childhood Vaccines; Local authorisation procedure for SMC Not Recommended advice; Sacituzumab-govitecan.
	For Information and Noting: East Region Formulary update; Covid Therapeutic Alert – casirivimab plus imdevimab; Ronapreve BGH Protocol; Guidance on Storage for Medicines (including controlled drugs) in Clinical Areas. Minutes from Borders Formulary Committee, Antimicrobial Team, IV Therapy Group and NHS Lothian ADTC meetings.
	AOCB: None
Meeting	Title of Business Discussed
26.01.2022	Matters Arising: None
	New Medicines Applications: Coloplast Brava Protective Seal; Sarilumab
	Non Formulary Requests: Armour Thyroid; Risankizumab; and noted Ospermifene; Zirconium; Psyllium Husk; Solgar Psyllium.

	Patient & Medicine Safety: None
	Clinical Policies, Procedures and Guidelines: Oromucosal Midazolam PGD; Opicapone update – Parkinson’s Disease; Community Hospital Discharge Medicines Management Policy; Safe Use of Sodium Valproate; Pharmacy First document; Treatment choices for dental abscesses; ERFC and CEWG declarations of interest forms; Updated Procedure for non-formulary requests; Tranexamic acid PGD.
	For Information and Noting: East Region Formulary update; Changes from BJJ to ERF; nMABs in non-hospitalised patients – pathway and drug treatment guide; BFC Annual Report 2021; Yellow Card Scotland Annual Report 2020-21. Minutes from Antimicrobial Management Team and NHS Lothian ADTC meetings.
	AOCB: Oral antivirals
Meeting	Title of Business Discussed
23.03.2022	Matters Arising: Thyroid Armour; Community Hospital Discharge Medicines Management Policy; NHS Borders Symptomatic Relief Policy.
	New Medicines Applications: None
	Non Formulary Requests: Pyridostigmine; Ostenil Plus
	Patient & Medicine Safety: Datix Update.
	Clinical Policies, Procedures and Guidelines: Update to Non-Formulary Request form and Procedure; NHS Borders Thematic Review of Medication Errors - December 2020-2021; NHS Lothian Flowchart – Medicines Applications; Abbreviated Borders Joint Formulary; ADTC Terms of Reference update.
	For Information and Noting: East Region Formulary update; Changes BJJ to ERF; NHS Lothian Unlicensed Medicines Procedure; Methylcellulose substitute; DVT Ambulatory Care Pathway; Parkinson’s Disease – updated guidance; HIS update Sapropterin. Minutes from IV Therapy Group; Medicines Resource Group and NHS Lothian ADTC meetings.
	AOCB: None

Attendance for ADTC during 2021/22

Dates of Meetings						
	26.05.21	28.07.21	22.09.21	24.11.21	26.01.22	23.03.22
Name						
Alison Wilson	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	✓
Dr Edward James	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dr Effie Dearden	-	✓	-	-	✓	✓
Dr Nicola Henderson	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
Keith Allan	✓	-	-	✓	✓	✓
Cathryn Park	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liz Leitch	✓	✓	-	✓	✓	✓
Keith Maclure	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Adrian Mackenzie	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rhona Morrison	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Andrew Leitch	✓	-	-	✓	-	-
Kate Warner (Minute)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Invited Guests:						
Ann O' Connor	✓					
Louise Lackie		✓				
Dr Elliot Longworth		✓				
Dr James Tidder				✓		
Grant Allison				✓		
Lorna Wallace				✓		
Claire Irvine						✓

There were no declarations of interest at ADTC meetings during 2021/22.