

SECTION 2: AREA DRUG AND THERAPEUTICS COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEES

SECTION 2.4: THERAPEUTICS SUB-COMMITTEE

ROLE:

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

- Co-ordinating the development, updating and maintenance of a NHSGGC Therapeutics Formulary
- Promoting safe, effective and economic use of wound dressings, nutritional, catheter stoma products and medical devices to maximise health gain
- Managing the evaluation of utilisation data for NHSGGC Therapeutics Formulary

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 different chapters of Therapeutic Formulary. The identified groups for stoma, nutritional products, dressings, catheters and medical devices will agree products for inclusion in the relevant sections of the Formulary, liaising with procurement and local experts, 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 dressings, nutritional products, catheters and stoma supplies
 - Develop and maintain a register of specialist/clinical groups for consultation to inform local decision making and implementation
- Monitor adherence to the Therapeutics Formulary
- 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 Formulary inclusion
- 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 in the Acute sector
- Support the activities of the PGD Sub-Group
 - Monitor the maintenance of a master index of PGDs
- Monitor implementation of non medical prescribing across NHSGGC

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EXECUTIVE AND MEMBERSHIP:

- Procurement Representative
- Non Medical Prescribing Lead
- General Practitioner
- Practice Nurse Advisor
- Representation from at least two of the following Directorates:
 - Emergency Care & Medical Specialties
 - Rehabilitation & Assessment
 - Mental Health
 - Surgery & Anaesthetics
 - Woman & children's Health
 - Regional Services
- Representation from at least two of the following Specialities:
 - Tissue Viability
 - Podiatry
 - Stoma
 - Vascular
 - Dermatology
- Primary Care Lead Clinical Pharmacist
- Representative from Central Prescribing Team
- Clinical Dietetics representative/Dietetics Prescribing Advisor
- Community Pharmacy Contract Team

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS:

2 monthly

PGD subgroup meets 2-3 monthly depending on work load

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)
- CHP Prescribing Leads
- CHP Lead Nurse
- Lead Directorate Pharmacists