

ANTIMICROBIAL UTILISATION SUBCOMMITTEE

ROLE

The Antimicrobial Utilisation sub Committee (AUC) of the ADTC advises on all aspects of antimicrobial prescribing policy and practice. The overall aim is to maximise 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. The Subcommittee will promote antimicrobial stewardship initiatives within NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde. It will act as a resource for (a) advice to the ADTC (b) support to the Antimicrobial Management Team (AMT). The AUC will support the local implementation of national antimicrobial strategy as determined by the Scottish Antimicrobial Prescribing Group (SAPG).

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- o Promote the safe, effective and economic use of antimicrobial agents
- o Reduce and rationalise the unnecessary and inappropriate use of antimicrobials
- o Support the development of guidelines for the prophylaxis and treatment of common infections in clinical practice
- o Support the development of guidelines for antibiotic prophylaxis in surgery
- o Monitor the impact of guidelines in accordance with local and national indicators of good prescribing practice.
- o Promote awareness of prescribing priorities across primary care in general practice, general dental practice and community pharmacy.
- o Provide the ADTC with advice on the relevance of national guidance (e.g. from Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC), Scottish Antimicrobial Prescribing Group (SAPG), Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS), Public Health Scotland, Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN) which relates to antimicrobial therapy
- o Promote implementation of ADTC policy on antimicrobials across the Acute Service Directorates and Health and Social Care Partnerships (HSCP)
- o Link with the Acute and Board Infection Control Committees, the AMT and other relevant ADTC Subcommittees
- o Facilitate audit, research and evaluation activity which informs antimicrobial prescribing
- o Promote Antimicrobial Stewardship within NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

MEMBERSHIP

Chair (Senior Clinician or pharmacist from the ADTC)

AMT Leads (Medicine, Microbiology and Pharmacy)

Antimicrobial Pharmacists working in all hospitals within GGC, including Royal Hospital for Children.

HSCP Prescribing Lead Prescribing advisor Pharmacist

Microbiologists representing each GGC Sector (South, North, Clyde and Paediatrics)

Infection control doctor, including paediatric representative

Medical Consultants x 6 (Medicine, ID, Surgery, Anaesthetics/Critical care, Regional Services and Older Peoples Services)

Representative of Board Head of Nursing

Specialist in Paediatric Infectious Diseases

Pharmacy Services

- Medicines Information/Clinical Effectiveness Pharmacist
- Public Health Pharmacists x 1

General Practitioner

Specialist in Outpatient Parenteral Antimicrobial Therapy

ACCOUNTABILITY

Area Drug and Therapeutics Committee (ADTC)

QUORUM

A quorum of the Antimicrobial Utilisation Committee will be one third of its membership and always include its chair.

RELATIONSHIPS / COMMUNICATIONS

ADTC Subcommittees, Board and Acute Control of Infection Committee, Board Medical Director

AMT, Acute Service Lead Directorate Pharmacists, CHP Prescribing Leads, Pharmacy Services

Scottish Antimicrobial Prescribing Group (SAPG)

Pharmacy Lead for Governance

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

Quarterly

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