

SECTION 2: AREA DRUG AND THERAPEUTICS COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEES

SECTION 2.2: FORMULARY AND NEW DRUGS SUBCOMMITTEE (FND)

ROLE:

The Formulary & New Drugs Subcommittee of the Area Drug and Therapeutics Committee (ADTC) advises on the introduction of new drugs, including new indications and new formulations of existing drugs, and co-ordinates the maintenance, updating and development of the Drug Formulary. The overall aim is to promote the efficacious, safe and economic use of medicines to maximise health gain in NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde.

TERMS OF REFERENCE:

The Formulary and New Drugs Subcommittee will:

- undertake timely review of the guidance received from the Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC) and the National Institute of Clinical Effectiveness (NICE) and advise on the local implementation
- develop a set of criteria for new drugs to be referred to ADTC for consideration
- maintain a database of new drugs, including formulary and prescribing status
- commission protocols and treatment guidelines for new drugs where appropriate
- maintain, develop and promote the NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde formulary including co-ordination of a programme of regular review
- develop and maintain a register of specialists/ clinical groups for consultation to inform local decision making and implementation
- develop criteria for formulary inclusion in "preferred" and "extended" tiers
- manage a system for formulary appeals
- report to ADTC, relevant non-drug/service issues resulting from the introduction of new drugs/formulary changes
- liaise with Communications Group to ensure timely communication of decisions to health professionals in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

EXECUTIVE AND MEMBERSHIP:

- Representation from at least 2 of directorates:
 - Emergency Care & Medical Services
 - Rehabilitation & Assessment
 - Mental Health
 - Surgery & Anaesthetics
 - Women & Children's Health
 - Regional Services
- Nursing representation
- Pharmacy & Prescribing Support Unit
 - Acute services
 - Primary Care
 - Medicines Information/Formulary Lead
- Public Health
- Prescribing advisor
- General Practitioners
- Ad hoc input from a Health Economist

QUORUM:

- 5 members must be in attendance including:
 - 1 of the nominated chairs
 - 1 other clinician
 - 1 pharmacist

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FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS:

Two monthly

ACCOUNTABILITY:

Area Drug and Therapeutics Committee

DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES:

- Chair of Area Drug and Therapeutic Committee
- Chair of Utilisation, Education and Practice Group
- Associate Medical Directors, all directorates
- CHP Prescribing Leads
- Lead Hospital and Primary Care Pharmacists
- Chair of Communications Subcommittee