

**SECTION 2: AREA DRUG AND THERAPEUTICS COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEES**

**2.2: MEDICINES UTILISATION SUBCOMMITTEE (MU)**

**ROLE:**

The aim of the Medicines Utilisation Subcommittee of the Area Drug and Therapeutics Committee (ADTC) is to support improvement in the quality of prescribing of medicines in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHS GGC) by the analysis of medicine utilisation data, the development of prescribing education materials, consideration of Formulary issues and the evaluation of relevant clinical guidelines and protocols.

**TERMS OF REFERENCE:**

The Medicines Utilisation Subcommittee will:

- review and act as the approving group for clinical guidelines and protocols fulfilling the requirement to be reviewed by ADTC on behalf of ADTC in accordance with the NHS GGC Clinical Guidelines Framework
- evaluate utilisation data to review prescribing trends
- co-ordinate and lead a programme of clinical effectiveness activity
- develop innovative strategies to promote quality and cost-effective use of medicines
- utilise technology to inform and encourage appropriate prescribing
- maintain, develop and promote the NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde Adult Therapeutics Handbook as a reference source of treatment guidance/ protocols for the optimal use of medicines
- liaise with Communications subcommittee to convey feedback on prescribing to practitioners
- develop educational material for a range of health professionals utilising technology where appropriate
- support the development of systems to publish and publicise GGC approved guidelines and protocols.
- consider Formulary appeals, New Drug Assessments and prioritise the Formulary review workstreams

**EXECUTIVE AND MEMBERSHIP:**

- Consultant physicians (minimum of 2)
- General Practitioners (minimum of 2)
- Non-medical prescribing representative
- Pharmacy Services:
  - Lead Pharmacist, Medicines Policy & Guidance
  - Lead Pharmacist, Clinical Effectiveness
  - Prescribing Governance and Interface Pharmacist
  - Medicines Education Pharmacist
  - Therapeutics Handbook Pharmacist
  - Public Health Pharmacist(s)
  - Senior Pharmacist (Acute Service)
  - Lead Clinical Pharmacist (Primary Care)
  - Lead Pharmacist, Clinical Effectiveness

It is expected that for a meeting to be quorate, one third of the membership should be in attendance.

**FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS:**

Two monthly

**ACCOUNTABILITY:**

Area Drug and Therapeutics Committee

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**DISTRIBUTION OF MINUTES:**

- Chair of Area Drug and Therapeutic Committee
- Chair of Communications Subcommittee