

SECTION 2: AREA DRUG AND THERAPEUTICS COMMITTEE AND SUBCOMMITTEES

SECTION 2.6: ANTIMICROBIAL UTILISATION SUB-COMMITTEE

ROLE:

The Antimicrobial Utilisation Subcommittee 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. It will act as a resource for (a) advice to the ADTC and (b) support to the Antimicrobial Management Team (AMT).

REMIT:

- Promote the safe, effective and economic use of antimicrobial agents
- Reduce and rationalise the unnecessary and inappropriate use of antimicrobials
- Support the development of guidelines for the prophylaxis and treatment of common infections in clinical practice
- Monitor the impact of these guidelines in accordance with local and national indicators of good prescribing practice.
- Promote awareness of prescribing priorities across primary care in general practice, general dental practice and community pharmacy.
- Provide the ADTC with advice on the relevance of national guidance (e.g. from SMC, SAPG, QIS, SIGN) which relates to antimicrobial therapy
- Promote implementation of ADTC policy on antimicrobials across the Acute Service Directorates and Community Health Partnerships
- Link with the Board Control of Infection Committee, the AMT and other relevant ADTC Subcommittees
- Facilitate audit, research and evaluation activity which informs antimicrobial prescribing

EXECUTIVE AND MEMBERSHIP:

- Chair (Senior clinician or pharmacist from the ADTC)
- AMT Leads (Medicine, Microbiology and Pharmacy)
- CHP Prescribing Lead
- Microbiologists x 3
- Consultant Physicians x 4 (Emergency Care and Medicine, Surgery & Anaesthetics, Regional Services, Rehabilitation and Assessment)
- Directorate Heads of Nursing x 2
- Specialist in Paediatric Infectious Diseases
- Pharmacy & Prescribing Support Unit
 - Primary Care Prescribing Adviser
 - Medicines Information/Clinical Effectiveness Pharmacist
 - PH Pharmacists x 2
 - Nominee of the Pharmaceutical Care Committee
 - Nominee of the Clinical Governance Committee
- Infection Control Manager
- Nurse Consultant (infection Control)
- General Practitioner

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS:

Quarterly

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ACCOUNTABILITY:

Area Drug and Therapeutics Committee

RELATIONSHIPS/COMMUNICATIONS:

- ADTC Subcommittees
- Board Control of Infection Committee
- AMT
- Acute Service Lead Directorate Pharmacists
- CHP Prescribing Leads
- PPSU