

ANTIMICROBIAL UTILISATION SUBCOMMITTEE

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 (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).

REMIT

- 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 Monitor the impact of these 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 SMC, SAPG, HIS, SIGN) which relates to antimicrobial therapy
- o Promote implementation of ADTC policy on antimicrobials across the Acute Service Directorates and Community Health Partnerships
- o Link with the Board Control of Infection Committee, the AMT and other relevant ADTC Subcommittees
- o Facilitate audit, research and evaluation activity which informs antimicrobial prescribing

MEMBERSHIP

Chair (Senior Clinician or pharmacist from the ADTC)

AMT Leads (Medicine, Microbiology and Pharmacy)

Antimicrobial Pharmacists x 5

HSCP Prescribing Lead

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

Infection control doctor

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

Representative of Board Head of Nursing

Non-medical prescribing lead

Specialist in Paediatric Infectious Diseases

Pharmacy & Prescribing Support Unit

- Medicines Information/Clinical Effectiveness Pharmacist
- PH Pharmacists x 1
- Nominee of the Pharmaceutical Care Committee
- Nominee of the Clinical Governance Committee

General Practitioner

Specialist in Outpatient Parenteral Antimicrobial Therapy

ACCOUNTABILITY

ADTC

RELATIONSHIPS / COMMUNICATIONS

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

AMT, Acute Service Lead Directorate Pharmacists, CHP Prescribing Leads, PPSU

SAPG

FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS

Quarterly

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