

Area Drugs and Therapeutics Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 21st January 2026 10-12.30pm

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Present		
Veronica Rainey (Chair) Victoria Gemmell (Prof Sec) Kirsty Macfarlane Eimear Gordon Tyra Smyth Gail Richardson Rachael Kelly Chris Miller Penny Brankin David Semple Colin Angus Kavan Stafford Craig Thurtell Saurabh Kumar Quorate (minimum 6 members) –Y	Invited Attendees: Sean Haughey 8b Dr Mark Barber 8e Caroline McInnes 8e	
1.	Apologies for Absence	
	Alistair Brown, Stephanie Dundas, Christine Carswell	
2.	Declaration of Interest	
	Nil	
3.	Ratification of minutes of December 2025 meeting	
	Approved	
4.	Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda	
	<p>a. R-hGH Guideline – Ian Hunter Await GP sub and PMMB feedback.</p> <p>b. Decompensated Cirrhosis Bundle – Sean Haughey* This was approved pending some minor changes.</p> <p>c. Ferinject (Ferric Carboxymaltose) Intravenous Administration Protocol – Susan Haughey This was approved.</p> <p>d. Vabysmo (Faricimab) – Umaima Mulla Update Awaited.</p> <p>e. Pethidine Protocol – Sandra Paterson KM gave an update. The protocol was removed with immediate effect and alternative plans are being explored.</p> <p>f. Warfarin Protocol – Christine Paterson Update Awaited.</p>	

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	<p>g. Lithium – Lorna Templeton Discussions are ongoing. Feedback expected next month.</p> <p>h. Procainamide for tachyarrhythmias SBAR – Penny Brankin It was noted that this represents a sizeable change to current practice. There was discussion on potentially complex implementation requirements. A need for education and training and some other complexities around prescribing of an unlicensed medicine was also identified. There were further concerns raised around routes and reliability of supply. The committee agreed more work is needed to explore options before agreeing to adopt the updated National guideline. NHSL remain in line with other NHS Boards. Further information is required.</p>	
5.	ADTC Committee Business	
	Nil	
6.	SMC Advice (CONFIDENTIAL)	RK
6.1	<p>a. SMC Advice – January 2026 These were noted.</p> <p>b. SMC - Ultra orphan pathway report This report was noted.</p>	
6.2	Updates to NHS LK status on SMC advice RK outlined proposed updates in designations for SMC medicines. This was agreed.	
6.3	Updates to Lanarkshire Bulletins These were agreed.	
6.4	Outstanding SMC New Medicines Decisions Nil	
7.	Lanarkshire Formulary / West of Scotland Formulary	
7.1	<p>NHSLK formulary changes proposals RK presented proposed formulary amendments which were approved. This included a minor update to the Rybelsus formulary statement to include the link to the MHRA Drug Safety update from December 2025.</p> <p>Asthma Formulary Update This was agreed. Changes will be made live when the updated version of the guideline is hosted on RDS.</p>	RK
7.2	<p>West of Scotland Formulary Updates KM gave an update on progress with Regional Formulary development. The project remains on track to launch March/April 2026. VG discussed nominatins for the Regional Formulary Committee. It was noted that several of the managed service pharmacists have volunteered, but there are</p>	KM

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	<p>difficulties in obtaining support from other sectors. VG noted comments have been received on the previously shared formulary chapter drafts. The committee had no further comments. This will be fed back to regional team</p>	
BREAK (10 MINUTES)		
8.	Clinical Protocols & Guidelines	
	<p>a. Perioperative Management of Patients on Antiplatelet Medication (Elective Surgery) This was approved pending small amendments.</p> <p>b. Metaraminol Infusion Guideline for Post-Operative Hip Fracture Patients - Kathryn Bennett This was approved.</p> <p>c. Homebirth Guideline It was agreed that this is welcome and helpful guidance. A number of queries were raised. The document was not approved at this time.</p> <p>d. Bariatric Conclusion Paper - James Torrens The committee agreed the content was very helpful from an information perspective, however felt that there were some outstanding queries. It was agreed that it would be helpful for VR to follow up with JT.</p> <p>e. Stroke Guideline - Sarah Brady / Dr Mark Barber/Dr Caroline McInnes* A number of queries were raised. The document was not approved at this time.</p> <p>f. Progesterone - Gordon Buchanan A number of queries were raised. The document was not approved at this time.</p> <p>g. Paediatric Gentamicin, Vancomycin and Tobramycin Prescriptions – Susan Haughey These were approved.</p> <p>h. Forensic mental health inpatients accessing and using private providers for healthcare – Kirsty MacFarlane A complex situation has arisen regarding access to private treatment by this patient group. The Mental Welfare Commission has not issued guidance specifically on privately prescribed weight-loss medication in forensic settings, and it was agreed that their opinion would be helpful as it is a Scotland-wide organisation and could provide a legal perspective. This would go alongside the local clinical view. It was discussed and felt to be a complex situation with a need to make individual decisions on individual circumstances. Any decision should</p>	

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	also be clinically justified and within a care plan. It was also suggested that a view from the Mental Health D&T would be helpful and they will report back into a later ADTC meeting.	
9.	ULM Requests	
	Nil	
10.	New Medicine Safety Notifications & Alerts	MM
	<p>a. CAS - Home https://www.gov.uk/drug-safety-update https://www.gov.uk/drug-safety-update/improving-information-supplied-with-gabapentinoids-pregabalin-slash-gabapentin-benzodiazepines-and-z-drugs This was noted.</p> <p>b. MHRA Drug Safety Update Rybelsus® (semaglutide tablets): transition to new formulation and risk of medication error - GOV.UK Formulary actions relating to this discussed above.</p> <p>c. NPSA Safety Alerts</p> <p>c.1. Incorrect Recording of Penicillin Allergy as a Penicillamine Allergy Actions to be confirmed by MMB Chairs.</p> <p>c.2. Licensed and Unlicensed Epidural Infusion Bags Actions to be confirmed by MMB Chair.</p> <p>c.3 ADDITIONAL ITEM NATIONAL PATIENT SAFETY ALERT/2026/001/DHSC - Steriflex® No. 109 (1L) and No. 171 (2L): Potassium Chloride 0.15%, Sodium Chloride 0.45%, Glucose 2.5% Bags GR and CM confirmed zero use within NHSL. No further actions.</p>	
11.	Prescribing Management Board Update	GRB
11.1	Nil	
12.	Medicines for the Treatment of Cancer	KB
	<p>a. NCMAG draft advice document These were noted.</p> <p>b. NCMAG Quarterly Update – January 2026 This was noted.</p>	
13.	Medicines Code of Practice	
	Nil	
14.	PGD Activity Report	
	<p>a. PGD Process – Katrina Maroni This is a update to the current version. This was approved.</p>	

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	b. PGD Activity Report This was noted.	
15.	Antimicrobial Management Team Update	SD
	a. Update on Indicators and Antibiotic Use ** This was carried over to the February meeting.	
16.	Lay member related items	
	Nil	
17.	Correspondence	
	a. ADTCC Newsletter Update – December 2025	
18.	AOCB	
	<p>a. Business Case: Clinical Guidelines Submission Platform This was noted.</p> <p>b. SBAR: Co-codamol 30mg/500mg tablet This was discussed. A meeting of the Lanarkshire Medicines Shortage Group has been convened to take this forward. It was agreed that there was a requirement for comms specifically directed to acute hospitals and that comms for patients would be helpful. It was agreed that the formulary webpage should be updated to reflect the current situation.</p> <p>c. Urgent Clinical Communication Co-codamol 30mg/500mg tablets supply disruption This was noted.</p>	
19.	Date of Next Meeting	
	Wednesday 18 th February 2026 10am-12.30pm MS TEAMS	