

Area Drugs and Therapeutics Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 17th December 2025 10-12.30pm

Microsoft Teams Meeting

Present		
	Graeme Bryson (Chair) Victoria Gemmell (Prof Sec) Kirsty MacFarlane Tyra Smyth Rachael Kelly Chris Miller Gail Richardson Craig Thurtell Penny Brankin Stephanie Dundas Christine Carswell Saurabh Kumar Eimear Gordon Quorate (minimum 6 members) -Y	Invited Attendees: Scott Hamilton-item 8g Lorna Templeton item 8n Sarah Brady item 4g
1.	Apologies for Absence	
	Alistair Brown, Colin Angus, Veronica Rainey, Kelly Baillie, Kavan Stafford, David Semple	
2.	Declaration of Interest	
	Nil	
3.	Ratification of minutes of November 2025 meeting	
	These were accepted as a true reflection of the meeting and can be published.	
4.	Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda	
	<p>a. R-hGH Guideline – Ian Hunter Discussion ongoing. Further feedback awaited.</p> <p>b. Peripheral Non-Adrenaline – Nicholas Holt (Approved by Email. For Noting) Approved pending amendment.</p> <p>c. Preoperative Management of GLP-1 Agonists – Emma Murphy Approved pending amendment.</p> <p>d. Intravenous Fluid and Electrolyte Prescription in Adults – Megan McGowan Approved pending amendments.</p> <p>e. Decompensated Cirrhosis Bundle – Sean Haughey Discussion ongoing. Further feedback awaited.</p> <p>f. Psoriasis Pathway – Carole Martin This was approved.</p> <p>g. Glucagon and High Dose Insulin for Treatment of Beta Blocker/Calcium Channel Blocker Overdose – Deborah Smith/Sarah Brady* This was approved.</p>	

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5.	ADTC Committee Business	
	New member Saurabh Kumar, GP Branchalwood practice, was welcomed to the committee.	
6.	SMC Advice (CONFIDENTIAL)	RK
6.1	a. SMC Advice – December 2025 These were noted	
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	KM
7.1	NHSLK formulary changes proposals RK presented proposed formulary amendments which were approved. Ryeqo This form outlined how Ryeqo would appear on the formulary website and was agreed. Rybelsus This form outlined a formulary statement highlighting the risk of medication error during the transition period for the new formulation of Rybelsus tablets. This was agreed. Produodopa This form outlined how Produodopa would appear on the formulary website and was agreed.	
7.2	West of Scotland Formulary Updates KM gave an update on progress of the Regional Formulary. There was a update on a discussion in relation to proposed formulary flags. This represents a change to current practice in NHSL. GRB noted extensive collaboration between the 5 regional Boards to reach this consensus. VG gave an overview of the chapter development process. It was emphasised that the review of the draft chapter provides an opportunity to ensure the thoughts and comments of NHSL clinicians can be fed in as part of the review process.	
BREAK (10 MINUTES)		
8.	Clinical Protocols & Guidelines	
	KM gave an update on plans to streamline guideline review and approval process. a. Induction of Labour – Gordon Buchanan Approved pending small amendments and a point of clarity.	

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	<p>b. Aminophylline Charts – Lynsay McAulay Approved pending amendment.</p> <p>c. Ferinject (Ferric carboxymaltose) Intravenous Administration Protocol – Susan Haughey This was not approved.</p> <p>d. Vabysmo (Faricimab) - Umaima Mulla This was not approved</p> <p>e. Contraception After Pregnancy – Gordon Buchanan Approved pending small amendments and a point of clarity.</p> <p>f. Use of IV Acetazolamide Post IVT Injection – Ruth Waters Approved pending small amendments and a point of clarity.</p> <p>g. Managing Symptoms of Stress and Distress in Dementia – Claire Osprey/Scott Hamilton* Approved pending amendment.</p> <p>h. Pethidine Protocol - Sandra Paterson This is a update to an existing protocol. A query was raised regarding current practice across other Boards, and where NHSL appears to be an outlier. This was not approved.</p> <p>i. Denosumab - Linda Johnstone Approved subject to clarification of requirement for completion of ULM</p> <p>j. Warfarin Protocol – Christine Paterson This was not approved.</p> <p>k. Pharmacological Management of Adult Asthma in Primary and Secondary Care - Andrew Smith Approved pending small amendments and a point of clarity.</p> <p>l. Mycophenolate Mofetil & Mycophenolic Acid - Sean Haughey Approved pending amendment.</p> <p>m. DIS Referral – Sean Haughey This was not approved.</p> <p>n. Lithium – Lorna Templeton* Previously presented as part of the submission of drug specific documents for medicine initiation and monitoring. The documents were not approved.</p>	
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	<p>o. PGD Process – Katrina Maroni Moved to item 14</p> <p>p. Perioperative Management of Patients on Antiplatelet Medication (Elective Surgery) – Charles Herman This was carried over to January.</p>	
9.	ULM Requests	
	Nil	
10.	New Medicine Safety Notifications & Alerts	MM
	<p>a. CAS - Home https://www.gov.uk/drug-safety-update</p> <p>b. MHRA Safety Roundup – November 2025 MHRA Safety Roundup: November 2025 - GOV.UK</p> <p>c. NPSA -Harm from incorrect recording of a penicillin allergy as a penicillamine allergy Update expected from HEPMA team to give assurance. Primary Care will carry out checks to identify any patients incorrectly coded. Final feedback will be received when all actions complete.</p>	
11.	Prescribing Management Board Update	GRB
11.1	Nil	
12.	Medicines for the Treatment of Cancer	KB
	Nil	
13.	Medicines Code of Practice	
	Nil	
14.	PGD Activity Report	
	<p>1.1 There were no specific actions noted.</p> <p>1.2 KM gave an update on the PGD process-this is an update to current guidance. This will be carried forward to January.</p>	
15.	Antimicrobial Management Team Update	SD
	<p>a. Update on Indicators and Antibiotic Use Carried over to January</p>	
16.	Lay member related items	
	Nil	
17.	Correspondence	

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	Nil	
18.	AOCB	
	Medicines Procurement Update- December 2025 For noting Proposed 2026 meeting dates These were agreed and will be circulated.	
19.	Date of Next Meeting	
	Wednesday 21 st January 2026 10am-12.30pm MS TEAMS	