

PRESCRIBING AND MEDICINES MANAGEMENT

Minutes of the meeting held at Wynford House, Yeovil on January 16th 2013

Present	Position	Initials
Dr Geoff Sharp	Chair, CCG joint prescribing Lead	GS
Shaun Green	Associate Director - Medicines Management, NHS Somerset	SG
Dr Tony Austin	Chard, Crewkerne and Ilminster Representative	TA
Andrew Brown	Somerset Partnership Representative	AB
Martin Taylor	LPC representative	MT
Dr Mike Holmes	South Somerset representative	MH
Dr Andrew Perry	Taunton representative	AP
Dr Steve Edgar	LMC representative	SE
Dr Helen Kingston	E/W/C Mendip representative	HK
Dr Catherine Lewis	Bridgwater representative	CL
Helen Kennedy	Prescribing Support Technician, secretary	HEK
Liz Harewood	Locality Medicines Manager	LH

1 Introductions

Dr Tony Austin and Dr Catherine Lewis were introduced to the group

2 Apologies for absence

Jonathan Hinks
Ed Ford

3 Declarations of Interest

Standing declarations as stated on agenda
All GPs declared an interest in the prescribing incentive scheme

4 Minutes of the meeting of 14th November 2012

Agreed as accurate with amendment to review of action points number 15 – remote access to GP clinical systems

PART ONE – Items for Discussion or Decision

5 Matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda

5.1 ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 14TH 2013

1. Medical and Clinical Tasks Policy – LH attended a meeting in Dec 12, there is currently no pilot running although Brunel have been using the letter and will provide feedback. Andrew Palk is contacting a practice to try to get a pilot running.
2. EPS – A combination of staff shortages and IT problems have meant the pilot stopped last August and is currently on hold. The next EPS meeting is at the beginning of February. The CCG are still keen to support roll-out in Somerset.
3. Oxygen – JH not present. Cheryl has some practice information, which will be brought to the next PAMM. GW will prepare the information.

4. East Mendip Joint Working Framework – The last few clinics are occurring this month, HK will provide feedback next month.
5. Depot Antipsychotics – Raise at Partnership/LMC liason – This has been raised and practices are assured that CPN support will continue if they take on prescribing responsibility. LH will provide data of which practices are participating in the LES for the next PAMM.
6. Continence Preferred Product List – Share with secondary care – This has been shared, a request has been made for PIP codes to be added. The prescribing data was viewed, HK asked for data to be provided for non-formulary prescribing. AB will share the list with the district nursing teams. SG said that there is national movement around appliance providers supplying products prior to receiving the prescription. A paper has been released suggesting that clean, non-coated re-usable catheters are the most cost effective option for intermittent self catheterisation, a pack of 5 lasts for one week.
7. Continence Preferred Product List – Include date for prices and update and share the quick reference guide – as above.
8. Eclipse Live v BMJ Informatica+ - Completed.
9. Prescribing Scorecard – Completed.
10. Patient Access Schemes and Working with Pharma – on agenda.
11. Wound Formulary – Share ski slopes with wound formulary group – Completed.
12. Wound Formulary – Produce ski slopes for each federation – this is in progress, LH requested that DNs use the exception reporting form for any issues regarding dressings included on the formulary.
13. Continence Preferred Products – produce ski slopes for preferred product usage – as point 6.
14. Early COPD project – to be included on next newsletter.
15. Amber Drugs – Viewed the spreadsheet, SG asked for PAMM members to feedback if there are any drugs which no longer need a shared care guideline. There was a discussion around Sevelamer and Lanthanum which will now be moved back to secondary care under specialist commissioning post April 2013.
16. Ivabradine for HF – EF not present.
17. Baby Milk Resources – Item for MM newsletter – to be included on next newsletter.
18. Baby Milk Resources – Share with Health Visitors and Dieticians – Completed.
19. Depot Antipsychotics – Confirm continued provision of CPN support – Discussed in point 5.
20. Community MAR Charts - to be included on next newsletter.
21. Denosumab – Completed.
22. NICE Bites – Completed.

5.2 Prescribing Audits/Incentive Scheme 2013/14

SG gave an overview of the aims of the incentive scheme due to the changes in QOF. SG will bring a draft scheme next month which will include meeting with the MM team and prescribing audits. Can all federation leads please feed back their views?

It was proposed to drop the ARB, Opiate and Antipsychotic in Dementia indicators and keep the Statins and generic savings indicators – all agreed.

Possible new indicators Venlafaxine MR to plain with a target of 30-40% compliance and plain Oxybutynin or Tolterodine as a percentage of all urinary incontinence drugs also with a target of 30-40%. Can all federation leads and GPs feedback views and ideas for the next meeting.

5.3 Traffic Lights – Amber Drugs Discussed above.

5.4 Federation PAMM representation

Dr Tony Austin of Chard, Crewkerne and Ilminster Federation and Dr Catherine Lewis of Bridgwater

Federation were welcomed to the group.

- 5.5 Specials Guidance (SPCT v2.1 January 2013)
The new version was viewed, to be shared with federations and should already be available on the navigator app.
- 5.6 Insulin Initiation Audit
Data from MPH was viewed last meeting. There has still been no data produced from the community diabetic service. AB will chase with Su Down. SG will copy AB into the previous correspondence.
- 5.7 Phenytoin
This has been discussed amongst senior CCG leads. A suggestion has been made that other Flynn products could be black listed – this is not supported by the PCT.
Locally, a document has been produced to give options for practices who wish to review their current Phenytoin patients – particularly those taking Phenytoin but are still having fits. GS will re-draft and bring to the next PAMM.

6 Other Items for Discussion

- 6.1 Boots Managed Repeat SOP
SG gave an overview of managed repeat systems and recommends that PAMM support the Boots SOP as this now follows PCT guidance. HK requested that the SOP includes a step for pharmacists to inform the patients GP if an item is not dispensed, SG will feed this back but there are issues around patient confidentiality. GS asked for a reminder of batch prescribing to be in the newsletter.
- 6.2 Prescribing Leads Meetings 2013
Agreed to hold in May and November as before, LH will contact JH.
- 6.3 Meningococcal Prophylaxis Draft Dec 2012
This is a change of SOP, now using Ciprofloxacin 1st line for prophylaxis of close contacts, item in the newsletter please.
- 6.4 2014-15 NICE QOF Indicator Consultation Document
This was shown to make PAMM aware of potential areas to come – noted.
- 6.5 2013 Draft Policy Working With the Pharmaceutical Industry and rebate policies
Rebate Policy – SG met with CCG and Director of Finance, COG has asked for more governance, it has now been re-drafted and will go to the CCG board in February, it will hopefully be in use for 1st April 2013. Can all federation leads feedback comments.
Working with the pharmaceutical Industry – SG explained that this is adapted from the national document. There is a separate guide for hospitality and sponsorship. The policy is for use by CCG officers who should keep a register of all meetings with pharmaceutical companies if it is related to their role in the CCG, there will be separate guidance for federations and practices as these are independent contractors and will be on the agenda for the prescribing leads away day. It was agreed all federation leads should feedback information of joint working projects to PAMM.
- 6.6 Quality Premium 2013/14 Guidance for CCGs
This was published in December and defines areas of service CCGs will be monitored on by the National Commissioning Board. The medicines management team can help with preventing admissions, mortality and infections. This will be discussed at COG in the future.
- 6.7 Continence Appliance Reference Guides
Discussed above under review of actions.

6.8 Somerset Prescribing Forum

Viewed the agenda. There was a discussion around Apixaban and the need to update the guidance to include it. Other issues were discussed including the licence for use of Strontium in men and Desunin which may be an alternative to Fultium D3 for patients who cannot take capsules.

Reports from other Meetings – issues arising

Federation Feedback

CMF (SE) - nothing to report

E Mendip (HK) - nothing to report

South Somerset (MH) – nothing to report

North Sedgemoor (JH) – JH not present

West Somerset (EF) – EF not present

Taunton (AP) - nothing to report

Bridgwater (CL) - nothing to report

COG (GS) – Have been discussing the Phenytoin issue and the rebate policy.

Somerset Partnership MICP – Have been looking at antibiotics and will be looking in more detail at Minehead community hospital to see if Cephalosporins and Ciprofloxacin use is paralleled in GP practices. The issue of i.v. flumazaniil which according to the SPC should only be administered by an anaesthetist which is not current policy, this will be raised at SPF.

MPH D&TC – nothing to report.

Taunton and Somerset Anti-microbial Prescribing Group – Have been working on the policy for cellulitis, Lucy Watson is leading on this, have also been discussing Meningococcal prophylaxis.

YDH D&TC – Meeting next Monday, will raise incontinence appliances, LH will send the forms to Steph to be added to the agenda.

BANES/RUH D&TC – nothing to report.

BCAP – nothing to report.

LMC/PCT/CCG Liaison – Met to discuss the DMARD spec for the LES which should hopefully be approved soon.

LPC – EHC has been re-launched but the MAS is still not ready. Smoking cessation will be looked at to improve the service including targeting patients requesting NRT over the counter. The Asthma/COPD MUR plus is now being piloted.

LPN – viewed the agenda. MT gave an overview of the LPN for the new PAMM members.

CD LIN – Have been debating clinical concerns of legal highs. Currently waiting to hear the outcome of the national consultation for the position of the accountable officer.

6 PART 2 – Items for Information or Noting

Current Performance

Prescribing Report – SG ran through the report. The forecast underspend is particularly good news given the recent changes to the prescribing budget.

October Scorecard – There was a discussion around the Dementia indicator to ensure the data is accurate. Noted.

Switches to Meet Targets Doc – Noted.

Safety Spreadsheet – Noted.

Oxygen Contract – JH not present. The oxygen contract will sit with the CCG so will remain on the agenda.

Quality Innovation Productivity Prevention

Nothing this month

7 Formulary Issues

GPG1 Guidance Formulary Development – Noted.

8 Safety Items, NPSA Alerts and Signals

Drug Safety Update – November and December – Noted. MSD is withdrawing Tredaptive, prescribers have been informed.

9 NICE Guidance / Bites

Guidance issued in November and December - noted

NICE Bites November – noted

10 Risk Register

Nothing to report

11 Any Other Business

The date of the next meeting was discussed as 13th February is in half term. 20th February was proposed.

MH raised remote access – at present broad band signals are not reliable enough for use in home visits but it may be useful for care home visits if the GP can connect to their network. MH will trial remote access through a mobile signal.

SG proposed a change of date for the September meeting to 18th, please can members inform HEK of their availability.

LH raised a planned series of small events on inhaler use to be arranged by the respiratory forum and funded with sponsorship from the pharmaceutical industry.

**PRIMARY CARE MANAGEMENT TEAM MEETINGS
SCHEDULE OF ACTIONS**

NO.	SUBJECT	OUTSTANDING RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION LEAD
ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16th January 2013			
1	Medical and Clinical Tasks Policy	Inform Somerset County Council Medical and Clinical Tasks Policy Group outcomes of pilot	LH At end of pilot
2	EPS	Feedback outcome data from pilot practices	Martin Taylor When available
3	Oxygen	Crunch data provided by Cheryl	Gaynor Woodland 20th February 2013
4	East Mendip Joint Working Framework	Provide audit and feedback of service	Helen Kingston 20th February 2013
5	Depot Antipsychotics	Provide data of which practices are participating in the LES	Liz Harewood 20th February 2013
6	Continence Preferred Product list	Provide data of non-formulary prescribing	Helen Spry 20th February 2013
7	Wound Formulary	Produce ski slopes for each federation	Helen Spry 20th February 2013
8	Early COPD Diagnosis Project	Item for MM newsletter	Steve Moore 20th February 2013
9	Amber Drugs	Please feedback any amber drugs which no longer need an SCG	All GPs 20th February 2013
10	Ivabradine for HF	Raise with COG the issues around prescribing and lack of Heart Failure nurses across the county	Ed Ford 20th February 2013
11	Baby Milk Resources	Item for MM newsletter	Steve Moore 20th February 2013
12	Community MAR Charts	Item for MM newsletter	Steve Moore 20th February 2013
13	Prescribing Incentive Scheme	Draft scheme including meeting with MM team and prescribing audits	Shaun Green 20th February 2013
14	Prescribing Incentive Scheme	Feedback views and ideas	All federation leads 20th February 2013
15	Insulin Initiation Audit	Copy AB into previous correspondence with Su Down	Shaun Green 20th February 2013
16	Insulin Initiation Audit	Chase with Su Down	Andrew Brown 20th February 2013
17	Phenytoin Review Options	Re-draft paper	Geoff Sharp 20th February 2013
18	Batch Prescribing	Item for MM newsletter	Steve Moore 20th February 2013
19	Prescribing Leads Meetings	Contact JH re availability	Liz Harewood 20th February 2013
20	Meningococcal Prophylaxis	Item for MM newsletter	Steve Moore 20th February 2013
21	Rebate Policy	Feedback comments	All PAMM members 20th February 2013
22	Continence Preferred Product List	Share with Steph at YDH to go on D&TC agenda	Liz Harewood 21st January 2013