

Minutes of the **Prescribing and Medicines Management Group** held in **Meeting Room 1, Wynford House, Lufton Way, Yeovil, Somerset, on Wednesday, 23rd May 2018.**

Present:	Dr Toby Burne (TB)	CLICK Representative
	Dr Helen Cotton (HC)	South Somerset Representative
	Dr David Davies (DD)	West Somerset Representative
	Steve Du Bois (SDB)	Somerset Partnership Chief Pharmacist
	Dr Adrian Fulford (AF)	Taunton Representative
	Shaun Green (SG)	Associate Director, Head of Medicines Management
	Catherine Henley (CH)	Locality Medicines Manager
	Dr Piers Jennings (PJ)	East Mendip Representative
	Dr Catherine Lewis (CL)	Bridgwater Representative
	Dr James Nicholls	GP, West Mendip Representative
	Dr Geoff Sharp (GS)	Chairman, CCG Prescribing Lead
	Zoe Talbot-White (ZTW)	Prescribing Support Technician, NHS Somerset CCG
	Caroline Taylor (CT)	Prescribing Support Technician, NHS Somerset CCG
	Emma Waller (EW)	LPC Representative

Apologies:	Gordon Jackson (GJ)	Lay Representative
	Sam Morris (SM)	Locality Medicines Manager
	Dr Barry Moyse (BM)	LMC Representative

1 Introductions:

Geoff welcomed the members to the meeting.

2 Apologies for absence:

Apologies were provided as detailed above.

3 Declarations of interest

EW to provide Declarations of Interest.

Action: ZTW

4 Minutes of the meeting on 18th April 2018

4.1 Agreed as an accurate record of the meeting.

4.2 Review of Action points

Most items were either complete or on the agenda. The following points were specifically noted:

Action 5: Dementia diagnosis guideline- Meeting set for 24/05/18, carry forward to next meeting.

Action 7: EMIS web alerts- Justin Harrington will discuss at the EMIS user group.

Action 8: SomPar Palliative care MAR chart- Carry forward to next meeting.

Action 9: St Margaret's cellulitis & lymphedema- Carry forward to next meeting.

Action 14: NG87- Carry forward to next meeting.

Action 15: NG95- Carry forward to next meeting.

PART 1 – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION OR DECISION

5 Matters Arising

5.1 An audit on Antipsychotic prescribing in people with learning disabilities

The SomPar quality assurance group are meeting 25th May to discuss the issues with the audit data. PAMM have concerns with the original audit data and have asked that the audit be redone.

It was agreed that SG will send letter to SomPar on behalf of PAMM raising concerns about the audit on antipsychotic prescribing in people with learning disabilities, asking that SomPar to redo the audit and express the data differently.

Action: SG

5.2 Final Draft Single Shared Care Guideline for Disease Modifying Drugs

Comments from PAMM and all relevant consultants have been integrated into this final draft.

It was noted that it has not been possible to align gastroenterology and rheumatology initial duration of treatment by consultant before requesting shared care for certain drugs.

PAMM approved, to be discussed at SPF this afternoon.

Highlight in newsletter.

Action: Steve Moore

5.3 Antipsychotic Shared Care Guidance update

The following changes have been made to the original SCG:

- The new national guidance on shared care has been referenced..
- Rosemary Brook has added in regular monitoring full blood count and HbA1c, as these were omitted from the previous document.

PAMM GPs asked for:

- Regular checking of blood glucose could be removed if HBA1c is to be monitored.
- The section on monitoring of prolactin levels to be clarified. . Inclusion of an appendix giving the Glasgow Side Effect scale (or previously approved Leicester side effect scale) as an appendix.

CH will take PAMM comments to Rosemary for consideration.

Action: CH

5.4 Medicines optimisation in care homes

The MM team has been completing care home patient reviews for the past 5 years. The government has offered additional funding to roll out nationally.

Somerset CCG asked for expressions of interest from local providers, as the CCG can only commission new providers.

The three acute Trusts & CLICK GP federation expressed an interest.

They all met put forward a plan, which has now has been approved by NHS England.

The providers have been given approval to begin the recruitment process. The funding is equivalent to three full time pharmacists.

SG noted that CCG commissioned pharmacists will be removed from the areas that receive the funded cover via the new scheme, and moved to other, less well covered areas.

It was also noted that national data collected is unlikely to be as detailed as our current CCG data. SG will share the CCG reporting mechanisms with the

national body as they may wish to adopt.

Somerset CCG care home data is currently reported back to PAMM on a monthly basis, in the prescribing update. PAMM would also like to see a list of medicines that are deprescribed by the pharmacists.

SG agreed to provide PAMM with list of deprescribed medication and a quarterly update of the new service progress. **Action: SG**

5.5 EMIS viewer Pilot in NS and Ilminster – next steps

This pilot is currently paused while IT and governance teams work to solve issues.

5.6 Pregabalin / Gabapentin and Topiramate and effective contraception in women and girls of childbearing potential

Eclipse live alerts have been set up to reflect these safety issues. Noted

5.7 Opicapone outcomes

It was noted that the data from Musgrove will be discussed at SPF this afternoon.

Update PAMM next month.

Action: CH

5.8 Devon Doctors OOH PGDs

It was noted that the PGDs need some amendments and recommendations have been made to Devon Doctors regarding this.

Bob Baker will be taking the antimicrobial PGDs to a joint meeting with Devon in the hope of aligning with the Somerset antimicrobial prescribing guidance.

SG highlighted that PGDs are legal documents, so need to be accurate and go through the correct approval process.

Update PAMM next month.

Action: CH

6 Other Issues

6.1 Polypharmacy Guidance

The update to the Scottish guidance was noted but the changes have not been listed.

It was pointed out that table 2a: An overview of key considerations at each step, is helpful tool for GPs.

Agreed to share table 2a in the newsletter.

Action: Steve Moore

6.2 Business Case for Access to Medicines Impact Assessment Template for Service Change Incontinence Appliance Service Redesign

Catherine Weller and her team have submitted a proposal to move the budget and manage prescribing for incontinence appliances via the SomPar nursing team.

Potential benefits are savings, reduced waste and appropriate patient follow up.

HC raised concerns that many patients using these products are frail, comorbidity patients who may struggle with the involvement of another service in ordering their prescriptions and asked whether there has been any patient engagement. SDB doesn't think any local patient engagement has happened yet, but it has been done elsewhere in the country and learning points have been taken from that.

SDB is unsure of the £2m figure being used and questioned whether this is net or, total cost. He also noted that the potential savings put forward many not be as much as those set out and that the proposed figures seem to be a 'best case scenario.'

SG has queried if other providers have been considered to supply this service, however if SomPar are commissioned to provide the service then they will decide on the provider. He noted that from a commissioning point of view, the progress of the service would have to be monitored.

It was agreed that this is a positive first proposal and PAMM support it in principle but need clarification of the points raised, the data, the process, implication to patients and that the number of prescriptions will be manageable within their workforce.

Update PAMM next month.

Action: SG

6.3 Pharmacy Quality payments guidance June 2018

This is an interim update.

It was noted that pharmacy quality payments are moving away from supply towards outcomes, such as:

- Pharmacy staff as dementia friends
- Healthy living pharmacies
- Summary care records

6.4 Emollient bath additives for the treatment of childhood eczema (BATHE): multicentre pragmatic parallel group randomised controlled trial of clinical and cost effectiveness

This trial found no evidence of clinical benefit from including emollient bath additives in the standard management of eczema in children.

SG proposed the removal of emollient bath additives from the formulary for the treatment of eczema in children. -Approved

Remove from formulary for the treatment of eczema in children.

Action: Steve Moore

6.5 May 2018 ePACT2 News Letter Medication Safety Dashboard

The medication safety dashboard data will be made publically available. It will be used to highlight areas that need improvement. Noted.

6.6 ePACT2 Respiratory Dashboard

-Noted

7 Formulary Applications

7.1 POWERbreathe Medic device, POWERbreathe Int LTD, 1x device £17.90, Inspiratory Muscle Training Device

This is being recommended by the pulmonary rehabilitation service. Comments from specialists were not very positive.

Agreed not for routine prescribing in primary care. For supply by the pulmonary rehabilitation service.

Add to TLS as 'Not Recommended'
Advise pulmonary rehab of this decision.

Action: Steve Moore
Action: SG

7.2 Fusacomb Easyhaler DPI Orion Pharm (fluticasone / salmeterol) 50micrograms/250microgram £21.50 x 60 dose or 50micrograms/500micrograms £26.99 x 60 dose

Cost effective equivalent to Seretide Acuuhaler in the form of a dry powdereasyhaler.

SG noted that we should be moving towards patients using one type of inhaler device rather than mixing DPI and MDI etc.

-Approved
Add to formulary and TLS **GREEN**.

Action: Steve Moore & ZTW

7.3 Levosert IUD

Currently only has a 3 year license, this is likely to be increased to 5 years. Currently not licensed for HRT.

-Approved
Add to formulary and TLS **GREEN**.

Action: Steve Moore & ZTW

8 Reports from other meetings

Feedback

8.1 Commissioning Locality Feedback

South Somerset – HC – Nothing to report

West Somerset – DD – Nothing to report

Central Mendip – GS – Nothing to report

Bridgwater Bay – CL – Nothing to report

Taunton – AF – Nothing to report

Chard, Crewkerne, Ilminster and Langport – TB – Nothing to report

East Mendip – PJ – raised concerns that Somerset will not be ready for the falsified medicines directive, due to come into effect from the 9th February 2019.

SG raised this a few months ago at a regional pharmacy meeting, there are currently many delayed action plans. Acute trusts, community pharmacies and all GP practices (not just dispensing) need to have systems in place. Awareness is starting to grow but not everyone will have an action plan. IT

leads have been made aware of the situation.
Raise concerns with LPC.
Raise concerns with LMC, IT leads and NHSE
Update PAMM next month.

Action: EW
Action: SG
Action: SG

West Mendip – JN – Nothing to report

North Sedgemoor – No representative

8.2 COG Feedback

This has been replaced by the clinical executive committee.

Summary

8.3 Somerset Partnership Mental Health D&TC – Next Meeting 12/06/18

8.4 YDH D&TC – Has been replaced by Medicines Committee meetings. Last meeting 28/03/18 Minutes already received

Discussed at previous meeting

8.5 T&ST D&TC – Last meeting 4/05/18- Minutes not yet received

CH noted that Ana Alves, who had attended the meeting had outlined for PAMM the main issues:

- A discussion around the outcomes of the local Opicaponetrial had taken place.
- Lidocaine patches have been removed from formulary.
- When a patient taking Methadone is discharged the prescriber will be contacted. This can be an issue at weekends as the prescribers are unlikely to be available. In this instance the patient will be discharged and asked to come back to the ward to collect a daily supply, until the prescriber can be contacted.

8.6 BNSSG Joint Formulary Group – Last meeting 10/04/18 – Minutes received

Nothing to note

8.7 BNSSG D&TC — Last meeting 28/03/18 – Minutes not received

8.8 RUH Bath D&TC – Last meeting 12/04/18 – Minutes received

Nothing to note

8.9 Weston D&TC – Last meeting 08/03/18 – Draft Minutes received

Nothing to note

8.10 T&S Antimicrobial Prescribing Group – Last meeting 14/02/18 postponed to 07/03/18 – Draft Minutes received

Nothing to note

8.11 Somerset Antimicrobial Stewardship Group – Next meeting not scheduled

Check the status of this group with Ana Alves.

Action: ZTW

8.12 LPC Report

Meeting scheduled for next month.

8.13 Somerset Medication Safety Network – Last meeting 22/05/18

Main points noted:

- New meeting with Steve Moore as Medicine Safety Officer.
- Representatives from TST, YDH, Somerset care & LPC.
- Red bag scheme discussed.
- Discussed improvements to the hospital discharge process.
- Any incidents regarding quality or timeliness need to be reported on Datix with NHS patient number. Trusts governance teams will address with the originator.
- Will be trying to restart the use of Pharmoutcomes.

Part 2 – Items for Information or Noting

9 Current Performance

9.1 Prescribing Update

No presentation this month The following was noted:

- A good improvement for February & March data.
- The prescribing incentive scheme monies will be paid in due course and another incentive scheme will be in place for the current financial year.

9.2 February Scorecard commissioning locality trend

-Noted

The March scorecard has been sent out this morning and there has been an increase from the baseline by 93%.

Draft a letter for GS to send out, congratulating the GPs for this year's performance.

Action: SG

9.3 March Safety spreadsheet

-Noted

GS noticed that the numbers of diclofenac potassium has increased over the year. Send email to practices to recommend safety switch from diclofenac potassium.

Action: Steve Moore

10 Rebate Schemes

10.1 Seroflo Inhaler (fluticasone / salmeterol) Kent Pharmaceuticals commenced 1st May 2018

-Noted

11 NICE Guidance May 18

12 NICE Technology Appraisals

12.1 None this month

13 NICE Clinical Guidance

13.1 [CG90] Depression in adults: recognition and management

Update with MHRA advice on valproate: In April 2018, we added warnings that valproate must not be used in pregnancy, and only used in girls and women when there is no alternative and a pregnancy prevention plan is in place. This is because of the risk of malformations and developmental abnormalities in the baby.

-Noted

- 13.2 [CG137] Epilepsies: diagnosis and management**
Update MHRA advice on valproate
-Noted
- 13.3 [CG173] Neuropathic pain in adults: pharmacological management in non-specialist settings**
Update MHRA advice on valproate
-Noted
- 13.4 [CG185] Bipolar disorder: assessment and management**
Update MHRA advice on valproate
-Noted
- 13.5 [CG192] Antenatal and postnatal mental health: clinical management and service guidance**
Update MHRA advice on valproate
-Noted
- 14 Safety Items, NPSA Alerts and Signals**
- 14.1 MHRA Drug Safety Update April**
-Noted
- 14.2 Retinoids updated warning**
-Noted
Raise awareness in the newsletter. **Action: Steve Moore**
- 14.3 PSA: Resources to support the safe adoption of the revised National Early Warning Score (NEWS2)**
-Noted
- 15 BNF Changes**
- 15.1 BNF Update April**
-Noted
- 16 Any other business**
- 16.1** GS asked for the terms of reference to be review and updated.
Circulate the TOR to PAMM members. **Action: ZTW**
Dates of Next Meetings:
- 20th June 2018, MR2 Wynford House
 - 18th July 2018 (SPF following), MR2 Wynford House
 - 19th September 2018 (SPF following), MR2 Wynford House
 - 24th October 2018, MR2 Wynford House
 - 21st November 2018 (SPF following), MR2 Wynford House

**PRESCRIBING AND MEDICINES MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETINGS
SCHEDULE OF ACTIONS**

NO	SUBJECT	OUTSTANDING RESPONSIBILITY	ACTION LEAD	STATUS
ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 23rd May 2018				
1	Declarations of interest	Emma Waller to provide Declarations of Interest	Zoe Talbot-White 20th June 2018	
2	Dementia diagnosis guideline	New meeting to be scheduled, feedback after meeting.	Shaun Green 20th June 2018	On agenda
3	SomPar Palliative care MAR chart	Advise PAMM when available.	Steve DuBois 20th June 2018	
4	St Margaret's cellulitis and lymphedema	Update PAMM on outcome.	Catherine Henley 20th June 2018	
5	[NG87] Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder: diagnosis and management	CH to check that SCG is in line with NG87	Catherine Henley 20th June 2018	
6	[NG95] Lyme disease	AA to confirm CCG antimicrobial guidance is consistent with NG95	Ana Alves 20th June 2018	
7	An audit on Antipsychotic prescribing in people with learning disabilities	It was agreed that SG will send letter to SomPar on behalf of PAMM raising concerns about the audit on antipsychotic prescribing in people with learning disabilities, asking that SomPar to redo the audit and express the data differently.	Shaun Green 20th June 2018	
8	Antipsychotic Shared Care Guidance update	Take PAMM comments to Rosemary for consideration.	Catherine Henley 20th June 2018	
9	Medicines optimisation in care homes	Provide PAMM with list of deprescribed medication and a quarterly update of the new service progress.	Ana Alves 20th June 2018	
10	Opicapone outcomes	Update PAMM next month.	Catherine Henley 20th June 2018	On agenda
11	Devon Doctors OOH PGDs	Update PAMM next month.	Catherine Henley 20th June 2018	On agenda
12	Business Case for Access to Medicines Impact Assessment Template for Service Change Incontinence Appliance Service Redesign	Update PAMM next month.	Steve DuBois 20th June 2018	On agenda
13	POWERbreathe Medic device	Not for routine prescribing in primary care. For supply by the pulmonary rehabilitation service. Advise pulmonary rehab of this decision.	Shaun Green 20th June 2018	Complete

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14	Falsified Medicines Directive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raise concerns with LPC. • Raise concerns with LMC, IT leads and NHS England. • Update PAMM next month. 	Emma Waller 20th June 2018 Shaun Green 20th June 2018	
15	Somerset Antimicrobial Stewardship Group – Next meeting not scheduled	Check the status of this group with Ana Alves.	Zoe Talbot-White 20th June 2018	
16	February Scorecard commissioning locality trend	Draft a letter for GS to send out, congratulating the GPs for this year's performance.	Shaun Green 20th June 2018	On agenda
17	March Safety spreadsheet	Send email to practices to recommend safety switch from diclofenac potassium.	Steve Moore 20th June 2018	Complete
18	TOR	Circulate the TOR to PAMM members.	Zoe Talbot-White 20th June 2018	On agenda
19	Newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highlight updated Single Shared Care Guideline for Disease Modifying Drugs • Polypharmacy Guidance: Share Table 2a in the newsletter. • Raise awareness of the retinoids updated warning 	Steve Moore Quarterly	Complete
20	Formulary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove emollient bath additives from the formulary for the treatment of eczema in children. • POWERbreathe Medic device Not for routine prescribing in primary care. For supply by the pulmonary rehabilitation service. Add to TLS as 'Not Recommended' • Fusacomb Easyhaler (fluticasone / salmeterol) Add to formulary and TLS GREEN. • Levosert IUD Add to formulary and TLS GREEN. 	Steve Moore & Zoe Talbot-White 20th June 2018	In progress