

Minutes of the **Prescribing and Medicines Management Group** held in **Meeting Room 2, Wynford House, Lufton Way, Yeovil, Somerset**, on **Wednesday, 20th June 2018**.

Present:	Dr Toby Burne (TB)	CLICK Representative
	Andrew Downing (AD)	LPC Representative
	Steve Du Bois (SDB)	Somerset Partnership Chief Pharmacist
	Shaun Green (SG)	Associate Director, Head of Medicines Management
	Catherine Henley (CH)	Locality Medicines Manager
	Gordon Jackson (GJ)	Lay Representative
	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
Apologies:	Dr Helen Cotton (HC)	South Somerset Representative
	Dr David Davies (DD)	West Somerset Representative
	Dr Adrian Fulford (AF)	Taunton Representative
	Dr Barry Moyse (BM)	LMC Representative
	Emma Waller (EW)	LPC Representative

1 Introductions:

GS welcomed members to the meeting and introduced Andrew Downing (AD) as the stand in LPC representative.

2 Apologies for absence:

Apologies were provided as detailed above.

3 Declarations of interest

None this month.

4 Minutes of the meeting on 23rd May 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 1: Declarations of interest- Remind Emma Waller to send declarations of interest. **Action: AD**

Action 3: SomPar Palliative care MAR chart- In the final stages of development. Send email to ask for time scale. **Action: SDB**

Action 4: St Margaret's cellulitis and lymphedema- The microbiologist has informed CH that Flucloxacillin alone would be sufficient to treat lymphedema. Inform St Margaret's of the Somerset antimicrobial guidance and the due process they need to follow if they wish to suggest any changes to the guidance. **Action: CH**

Action 5: NG87 ADHD: diagnosis and management- The NICE guidance contains many changes so shared care guideline needs amending.

Highlight the NICE guidance to SOMPAR **Action: CH**
Highlight the NICE guidance to other providers. **Action: SDB**
Action: SG

Action 7: An audit on Antipsychotic prescribing in people with learning disabilities-SDB raised at QAG and the LD service have changed the referral and review process due to the outcomes of the audit. SG sent a letter, waiting for a response. Bring response to next meeting.

Action: SG & SDB

Action 9: Medicines optimisation in care homes- Carry forward to next meeting.

Action 14: Falsified Medicines Directive- Discussed at LPC. All work is being implemented centrally for pharmacy multiples. Roll out appears to be slow.

SG contacted the national organisation commissioned to provide guidance and is waiting for a response. SG will keep PAMM updated.

Action 15: Somerset Antimicrobial Stewardship Group- The meeting may be restarting in the future. Remove from Agenda until restarted. **Action: ZTW**

PART 1 – ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION OR DECISION

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Matters Arising

5.1

An audit on Antipsychotic prescribing in people with learning disabilities

Discussed during the action points.

5.2

Antipsychotic Shared Care Guidance update

CH discussed with rosemary Brook.

Glucose blood test has been removed from the annual blood test but remains for the baseline and 3 month test as there is potentially an increased risk of diabetes when commencing antipsychotic treatment.

Remove the reference to 'older men' in the annual prolactin levels section.

Once this change has been made the document is approved.

Publish on website when final agreed changes have been made.

Action: Steve Moore

5.3

Opicapone outcomes

SPF agreed that opicapone has been accepted onto the formulary with an Amber Traffic light status for Parkinson's Disease patients who have been unable to tolerate the side effects of entacapone and have benefitted from a 4 month therapeutic trial, initiated by a specialist. It was agreed that the specialist will give a 2 month prescription at initiation; if the patient shows benefit, the specialist will supply a further 2 month prescription for opicapone and request that the GP will take over prescribing at this point.

It was agreed that the specialists at Musgrove will continue to maintain their database of patients commenced on opicapone and that they will continue to follow up patients at 4 weeks to check that they are deriving benefit from the drug.

5.4

Devon Doctors OOH PGDs

All comments were sent to Devon Doctors.

The medical director is due to respond to all comments.

Bring response to the next meeting.

Action: CH

- 5.5 Business Case for Access to Medicines
Impact Assessment Template for Service Change Incontinence
Appliance Service Redesign**
SDB will be attending a meeting on 25/06/18 with members of the stoma team and the company potentially providing the service to discuss the figures. Update PAMM at the next meeting **Action: SDB**
- 5.6 Dementia diagnosis guideline**
SG attended a meeting to discuss this. The final guideline is currently being developed from the outcomes of the meeting. Bring updated guideline to PAMM when complete. **Action: SG**
- 5.7 Letter congratulating GPs for scorecard**
It was decided that a general letter of congratulations would not be appropriate as some practices have not been very engaged. The budget letters have been sent out to individual practices and include a congratulatory message to practices that have made good improvements during the year.
- 5.8 STOMP letter**
-Noted
- 5.9 NHS England: Medicines shortage guidance**
Somerset has its own guidance. The NHS England guidance is slightly different, however PAMM is happy to endorse. -Approved
Highlight new guidance in the MM and LPC newsletter making specific reference to 'If a prescribed medicine is out of stock, ensure all options to help the patient get their treatment have been considered before contacting the prescriber.'
Action: AD & Steve Moore
- 6 Other Issues**
- 6.1 Review PAMM Terms of Reference**
The current TOR is out of date.
Discussed point 4.3: To oversee the development and implementation of action plans for federations and practices who are overspent on prescribing to bring back to within budget. PAMM think this is an important function of the committee but would like it rephrased.
Feedback comments to CH. **Action: All**
Make changes and bring back to PAMM next meeting. **Action: CH**
- The re-election process needs to be started.
Inform all locality representatives that they should contact CH to elect themselves. **Action: CH**
- 6.2 Acetylcholinesterase inhibitors or Memantine Shared Care Guide and deprescribing algorithm**
Carry forward to next meeting. **Action: SG**
- 6.3 NAO investigation into NHS spending on generic medicines**
-Noted

- 6.4 Supporting Junior Doctors in Safe Prescribing**
 -Noted
 More relevant for training practices.
 Share details of the improving prescribing course at Exeter medical school.
Action: SDB
- 6.5 GPhC guidance for Pharmacy Teams**
 -Noted
 GPhC have updated inspection standards and will no longer warn pharmacies when they are due to visit.
 Staffing levels will now be regulated by the GPhC.
- 6.6 Ethical Standards for Providers of public services**
 -Noted
- 6.7 Changes to the provision of emergency hormonal contraception through community pharmacies in Somerset**
 -Noted
 Concerns have been raised with regard to potential age discrimination.
 Audit for potential rise in GP prescribing of EHC. **Action: MM team**
 Check SWISH service issuing of EHC. **Action: SDB**
 Share NHS England service flow chart with PAMM members. **Action: CH**
- 7 Formulary Applications**
- 7.1** None this month
- 8 Reports from other meetings**
- 8.1 Feedback**
- Commissioning Locality Feedback**
- South Somerset** – HC – Not present
- West Somerset** – DD – Not present
- Central Mendip** – GS – Nothing to note
- Bridgwater Bay** – CL – Nothing to note
- Taunton** – AF – Not present
- Chard, Crewkerne, Ilminster and Langport** – TB – Nothing to note
- East Mendip** – PJ – Nothing to note
- West Mendip** – JN – Nothing to note
- North Sedgemoor** – No representative
- 8.2 CEC Feedback**
 Nothing to report

Summary

- 8.3 **Somerset Partnership Mental Health D&TC – Last Meeting 12/06/18– Minutes not received**
Developing a protocol for treating constipation for patients taking Clonazepam.
Discussed the draft dementia guidance and the antipsychotic shared care guide.
 - 8.4 **YDH Medicines Committee meeting. Last meeting 06/06/18 – Minutes not received**
 - 8.5 **T&ST D&TC – Last meeting 11/05/18- Minutes received**
This was discussed at the last meeting.
 - 8.6 **BNSSG Joint Formulary Group – Last meeting 22/05/18 – Minutes not received**
 - 8.7 **BNSSG D&TC — Last meeting 28/03/18 – Minutes not received**
Contact the chair to request minutes. **Action: GS**
 - 8.8 **RUH Bath D&TC – Last meetings 10/05/18 & 14/06/18 – Minutes not received**
 - 8.9 **Weston D&TC – Last meeting 10/05/18 – Minutes not received**
 - 8.10 **T&S Antimicrobial Prescribing Group – Last meeting 09/05/18 Minutes not received**
 - 8.11 **Somerset Antimicrobial Stewardship Group – Next meeting not scheduled**
 - 8.12 **LPC Report**
Discussed concerns around the changes to the emergency hormonal contraceptive service.
Approved the NHS England out of stock medicine guidance.
 - 8.13 **Somerset Medication Safety Network – Next meeting TBC**
- Part 2 – Items for Information or Noting**
- 9 **Current Performance**
 - 9.1 **Prescribing Update**
No formal report this month.
The prescribing data for April has just been released. April spend is just over £6m and is slightly higher than this time last year.
 - 9.2 **March Scorecard commissioning locality trend**
-Noted
Good progress has been made throughout the year. The prescribing incentive scheme results been shared with finance.
The baseline for the new scorecard will be brought to the next meeting.
Action: ZTW
Basis for indicators to be clarified. **Action: SG**
 - 9.3 **April Safety spreadsheet**
Not available.

- 9.4 Toolkit Graphs**
-Noted
Provide PAMM with trend data at July meeting. **Action: ZTW**
- 9.5 Potential generic savings**
-Noted
- 9.6 Medicines optimisation dashboard**
-Noted
There is a national EPS repeat dispensing target of 75%. SG has issued guidance on the cohort of patients that aren't suitable candidates for EPS repeat dispensing
- 10 Rebate Schemes**
- 10.1 Primary Care Dressings, ConvaTec, start date 01/06/18.**
-Noted
- 11 NICE Guidance June 18**
- 12 NICE Technology Appraisals**
- 12.1 [TA521] Guselkumab for treating moderate to severe plaque psoriasis**
-Noted
Funding needs to be implemented by NHS England and the CCG 30 days after publication of this guidance as it has been recommended through the fast track appraisal process.
SG feedback to NICE that 30 days isn't sufficient time for CCG due process to be followed.
- 13 NICE Clinical Guidance**
- 13.1 NG36 Cancer of the upper aerodigestive tract: assessment and management in people aged 16 and over**
Update: In June 2018, reviewed the evidence for treating advanced cancer and added recommendations on using FDG PET-CT scans to inform decisions about surgery after radical chemoradiotherapy.
-Noted
- 13.2 NICE Dementia: Assessment, management and support for people living with dementia and their carers, consultation**
Carry forward to next meeting. **Action: SG**
- 14 Safety Items, NPSA Alerts and Signals**
- 14.1 MHRA Drug Safety Update May**
-Noted
- 14.2 EMA Esmya: New measures to minimise risk of rare but serious liver injury**
-Noted
- 15 BNF Changes**
- 15.1 BNF Update May**
-Noted

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Any other business

16.1

TB- Queried if Lucy Pollock from MPH is starting to do some work in care homes in Bridgwater. SG is meeting with MPH Deputy medical director 25/06/18 to confirm no overlap of work with the pharmacist in care homes programme.

PJ- Leg ulcer clinic nurses have passed applications to PJ for the wound formulary. Provide Jo Ayre with the applications for the wound formulary.

Action: SG

Queried the Somerset antimicrobial guidance for dental infections as it recommends Amoxicillin or Metronidazole. As Amoxicillin covers gram positive and Metronidazole gram negative it seems illogical. Ask Ana or microbiologist to comment.

Action:AA

Dates of Next Meetings:

- 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 20th June 2018				
1	Declarations of interest	Remind Emma Waller to send declarations of interest.	Andrew Downing 18th July 2018	Complete
2	SomPar Palliative care MAR chart	Send email to ask for time scale.	Steve Du Bois 18th July 2018	Complete
3	St Margaret's cellulitis and lymphedema	Inform St Margaret's of the Somerset antimicrobial guidance and the due process they need to follow if they wish to suggest any changes to the guidance.	Catherine Henley 18th July 2018	Complete
4	NG87 ADHD: diagnosis and management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The shared care guideline needs amending. Highlight the NICE guidance to SOMPAR Highlight the NICE guidance to other providers. 	Catherine Henley 19th Sept 2018 Steve Du Bois Shaun Green 18th July 2018	In Progress Complete
5	An audit on Antipsychotic prescribing in people with learning disabilities	Bring response to next meeting.	Shaun Green Steve Du Bois 18th July 2018	On Agenda
6	Medicines optimisation in care homes	Provide PAMM with a quarterly update of the new service progress	Ana Alves 19th September 2018	
7	Somerset Antimicrobial Stewardship Group	Remove from Agenda until restarted.	Zoe Talbot-White 18th July 2018	Complete
8	Antipsychotic Shared Care Guidance update	Publish on website when final agreed changes have been made.	Steve Moore 18th July 2018	Complete
9	Devon Doctors OOH PGDs	Bring response to the next meeting.	Catherine Henley 18th July 2018	On Agenda
10	Business Case for Access to Medicines Impact Assessment Template for Service Change Incontinence Appliance Service Redesign	Update PAMM at the next meeting	Steve Du Bois 18th July 2018	On Agenda
11	Dementia diagnosis guideline	Bring updated guideline to PAMM when complete.	Shaun Green 18th July 2018	On Agenda
12	NHS England: Medicines shortage guidance	Highlight new guidance in the MM and LPC newsletter making specific reference to 'If a prescribed medicine is out of stock, ensure all options to help the patient get their treatment have been considered before contacting the prescriber.'	Andrew Downing Steve Moore 18th July 2018	Complete
13	Review PAMM Terms of Reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Feedback comments to CH. 	All 18th July 2018	

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17	BNSSG D&TC	Contact the chair to request minutes.	Geoff Sharp 18th July 2018	
18	March Scorecard commissioning locality trend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The baseline for the new scorecard will be brought to the next meeting. • Basis for indicators to be clarified. 	Zoe Talbot-White 18th July 2018 Shaun Green 18th July 2018	On Agenda
19	Toolkit Graphs	Provide PAMM with trend data at July meeting.	Zoe Talbot-White 18th July 2018	On Agenda
20	Wound formulary	Provide Jo Ayre with the applications for the wound formulary.	Shaun Green 18th July 2018	Complete
21	Dental ABX	Ask Ana or microbiologist to comment.	Ana Alves 18th July 2018	