

DONCASTER & BASSETLAW AREA PRESCRIBING COMMITTEE (APC)

Action Notes and Log

Thursday 29th November 2018 12 Noon start,
Meeting Room 3 Sovereign House

Present :	Dr David Crichton Mr Alex Molyneux Mrs Gill Bradley Dr Rachel Sykes Mr R Wise Mr Stephen Davies Dr Rमित Shah Mr Richard Harris Mr Lee Wilson Dr Lucy Peart	NHSD Chair, APC Chair NHSD Head of Medicines Management NHSD Deputy Head of Medicines Management NHSD GP NHS Bassetlaw Head of Medicines Management, Deputy APC Chair Chief Pharmacist RDaSHFT Local Medical Committee Representative Local Pharmaceutical Committee Representative Consultant Pharmacist DBTHFT Acute Physician DBTHFT
In attendance :	Mrs Karen Jennison	NHSD Senior Medicines Management Technician
Minutes only :	Dr Mark Pickering Dr Rupert Suckling & Mr Victor Joseph	Doncaster Offender Health, Chair Prisons D&T Committee DMBC Representatives

Agenda Ref	Subject / Action Required	Action Required By	Timescale	Status of Action (RAG) and Date
11/18/1	Apologies for Absence : Mrs A Machin, Mr J Bane			
11/18/2	Declarations of Interest : Richard Harris declared that he was speaking at an evening presentation for GSK on COPD in the near future.			
11/18/2.1	Fire Alarm Procedure There is no planned fire drill			
11/18/2.2	Notification of Any Other Business			
11/18/3	Notes of the Meeting Held On : 25 th October 2018 were agreed as a true and accurate record and will be made available on the medicines management website with the following addition :- 11/17/19.2 POST MEETING NOTE :- <i>The matter was discussed by the CCG Executive Team and they could not support the proposed pathway. This was due to financial pressures and a concern in maintaining quality.</i>	NHSD KJ		
11/18/4	Matters Arising not on the Agenda Epilepsy Guidance for children – Gill Bradley informed the committee that the comments had been acknowledged and the document would be amended accordingly. It was noted that each CCG have their own local commissioning arrangements and therefore it was suggested that they may wish to attach their own flowchart to the guidance document. The document will be brought back to a future meeting once completed.	NHSD GB AJM		
11/18/4.1	Matters Arising			
10/17/8.1	FreeStyle Libre (FSL) Glucose Monitoring System The revised DBTHFT business case and the NHSE news documents were discussed and it was agreed that type 1 diabetic patients will be referred to DBTHFT for assessment, initiation and the first 6 months supply. Relevant patients would then obtain a further supply from primary care on FP10, whilst continuing to be monitored for the next 6 months by the specialist DBTHFT diabetic service. Further guidance is required for prescribers to manage patients who may be			

	<p>discharged from DBTHFT after 12 months, around monitoring requirements. RDaSH FT will not see any patients during this first period and arrangements for their inclusion in the service will be finalised in future discussions.</p> <p>The committee agreed that the Freestyle Libre system would be Amber-G on the TLS.</p>	NHSD AM		
	<p>This decision will be taken to DCCG Medicines Management Group for discussion and approval, and to the Doncaster Formulary Liaison Group for information.</p>	NHSD AJM/GB		
11/17/19.2	<p>Methotrexate injections –change from Red to Amber on TLS</p> <p>The matter was discussed by the CCG Executive Committee and they could not support the proposed pathway. This was due to financial pressures and a concern in maintaining quality.</p> <p>It was noted that the committee should ensure the adherence to the existing APC flow chart for new pieces of work to avoid spending time on items that may be rejected. It was highlighted that pieces of work need to be submitted to Executive Committee at an early stage in the process.</p> <p>Methotrexate injection will remain RED on the traffic light system</p>	NHSD AM		
06/18/8.1	<p>Bicalutamide: Amber G (current status) vs Amber</p> <p>After meeting with the clinical nurse specialist at DBTHFT Gill Bradley informed the committee that the use of a shared care proforma would be a positive step to improve communication between specialists and GP's. The clinical nurse specialist will develop a draft shared care protocol and it will be brought to a future APC meeting for discussion.</p>	DBTHFT Urology Lead Nurse / NHSD GB /AJM		
10/18/8.2	<p>Parkinson's Disease Shared Care Protocol – South Yorkshire & Bassetlaw (SYB)</p> <p>Sheffield CCG Medicines Management Team is developing a shared care template that can be used across SY&B, this will be brought to a future meeting</p>	NHSD AJM		

10/18/19.1	Dalteparin- supply issue The temporary proforma has proved successful and dalteparin is still unavailable. Lee Wilson will feedback any developments at the next meeting.	DBTHFT LW		
11/18/5	Drugs for Review Azelastine hydrochloride/fluticasone propionate (Dymista) used to treat allergic rhinitis is Green –G the guidance is to stay Green-G Doxylamine/ Pyridoxine (Xonvea) used for nausea and vomiting in pregnancy was discussed and no decision has been made. It was agreed to await an opinion from the FLG and bring back any comments to the next meeting.	NHSD AM		
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11/18/6	Officers action All officers' actions were agreed as proposed and will be updated on the traffic light system	NHSD AM		
11/18/7	Drugs for Consideration Ivacaftor/tezacaftor (Symkevi) used to treat cystic fibrosis has been categorized as RED 1,2	NHSD AM		
11/18/8	New Business			
11/18/8.1	Sodium oxybate for adults –TLS status There are discrepancies in TLS status across SY&B with Sheffield prescribing via Individual Funding Request and Doncaster & Bassetlaw categorising as RED. The committee agreed that Rotherham and Barnsley CCG's would be contacted to obtain their TLS status and bring back to next meeting for further discussion. Prescribing figures would be requested from the data team and brought to next meeting to give the committee an idea of numbers of patients.	NHSD AJM/GB		
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11/18/8.2	<p>Licensed Hydrocortisone granules</p> <p>There is now a licensed preparation available for children and DBTHFT paediatricians will start transferring existing patients from the unlicensed product to the licensed product. DBTHFT paediatricians have enquired if there is an appetite to transfer the prescribing of the licensed product over to Primary Care. This drug is currently RED listed for children and would have to be re-categorised for this to happen. GP's do not routinely manage children using hydrocortisone, and their experience is limited. There are concerns over the safety of transferring prescribing to GP's as there is need for variation in dose dependant on weight and wellbeing if the patient. There will be a need for a shared care protocol to be developed if the transfer of prescribing was approved. This would be for a very small number of patients.</p> <p>Lee Wilson will gather more information from DBTHFT and bring to the next meeting</p>	DBTHFT LW		
11/18/8.3	<p>COPD guidance</p> <p>The local COPD guidance flowchart has been approved and is now on the MMT website for reference.</p>			
11/18/8.4	<p>RMOG Liothyronine prescribing guidance</p> <p>This product is categorised as Amber-G for hypothyroidism and resistant depression, and for both indications should be initiated by an NHS specialist. This item appears on the NHS England 'items of low clinical value' document with a view that it should not routinely be prescribed in primary care. A recent RMOG document has made recommendations around the use of shared care, particularly in reference to the management of hypothyroidism. There is still a very small amount of prescribing across Doncaster CCG (Bassetlaw data currently not known.)</p> <p>It was agreed that the Doncaster CCG MMT would gather data on which practices are prescribing this product and review this information to further support another discussion around what TLS status best reflects the guidance.</p>	NHSD AJM		

11/18/8.5	<p>Cinacalcet for complex primary hyperparathyroidism in adults</p> <p>This product is currently RED in the traffic light system. A proposal had been put forward by a DBTHFT Endocrinologist whether this could be changed to Amber-G. Lee Wilson will gather more information from the DBTHFT Consultants to ascertain the issues around this product.</p>	DBTHFT LW	January 2019	
11/18/9	<p>DBTHFT D&TC Update The minutes of the meeting held in October 2018 were received by the Committee</p>			
11/18/10	<p>Formulary Liaison Group Update No minutes available</p>			
11/18/11	<p>Doncaster Prisons Drug & Therapeutic Committee update No minutes available</p>			
11/18/12	<p>RDASH FT Medicines Management Committee update No minutes available</p>			
11/18/13	<p>Barnsley Area Prescribing Committee Update The minutes of the meeting held in September 2018 were received by the Committee</p>			
11/18/14	<p>Rotherham Medicines Optimisation Group Update No minutes available</p>			
11/18/15	<p>Sheffield Area Prescribing Committee Update The minutes of the meeting held in September 2018 were received by the Committee</p>			
11/18/16	<p>Nottingham Area Prescribing Committee Update The minutes of the meeting held in October 2018 were received by the Committee</p>			
11/18/17	<p>SY& B sICS Medicines Optimisation Work-stream Steering Group The minutes of the meeting held in September and October 2018 were received by the Committee</p>			
11/18/18	<p>Northern Regional Medicines Optimisation Committee No minutes available</p>			

11/18/19	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>It was noted that in the absence of a December meeting this would be Mrs Bradley's final APC meeting. Mrs Bradley has supported the APC for many years and her service was noted. Thanks and good wishes were provided by the Chair on behalf of the membership and this was agreed by all present.</p>			
11/18/19.1	<p>Please Note : There is NO meeting in December</p> <p>Date and Time of Next Meeting 12 noon prompt Thursday 31st January 2019 in Meeting Room 3 Sovereign House</p>			
	<p>12 noon prompt Thursday 28th February 2019 in Meeting Room 3 Sovereign House</p> <p>12 noon prompt Thursday 28th March 2019 in Meeting Room 3 Sovereign House</p> <p>12 noon prompt Thursday 25th April 2019 in Meeting Room 3 Sovereign House</p> <p>12 noon prompt Thursday 30th May 2019 in Meeting Room 3 Sovereign House</p> <p>12 noon prompt Thursday 27th June 2019 in Meeting Room 3 Sovereign House</p> <p>12 noon prompt Thursday 25th July 2019 in Meeting Room 3 Sovereign House</p> <p>12 noon prompt Thursday 29th August 2019 in Meeting Room 3 Sovereign House</p>			

Completed / Closed	To Action
In Progress	To be actioned but date not yet due