



Minutes

9th March 2017, 1pm-3pm

HMR CCG, Nye Bevan House,
Rochdale

Present:

Dr Marlon Morias (MM) GP Prescribing Lead, North Manchester CCG

Dr Tom Leckie (TL) Consultant in Emergency Medicine, Pennine Acute Hospital Trust

Dr Audrey Lowe (AL) Consultant Rheumatologist, Salford Royal Hospital

Lesley Smith (LS) Chief Pharmacist (Mental Health), Pennine Care Foundation Trust

Ruth Murdoch (RM) Clinical Pharmacy Services Manager, UHSM

Danielle Timoney (DT) Medicines Management Pharmacist, CMFT

Anna Swift (AS) Medicines Management Pharmacist, Wigan CCG

Salina Callighan (SC) Medicines Management Pharmacist, Bury CCG

Faduma Abukar (FA) Senior Medicines Optimisation Pharmacist, North Manchester CCG

Nigel Dunkerley (ND) Locality Lead Pharmacist for Oldham CCG

Robert Hallworth (RH) Specialist Cancer Pharmacist, North of England Area Team, NHS England

Support:

Anna Pracz (AP) Advanced Medicines Optimisation Pharmacist, GM Shared Service

Andrew Martin (AM) Strategic Medicines Optimisation Pharmacist, GM Shared Service

Sarah Jacobs (SJ) Strategic Medicines Optimisation Pharmacist, GM Shared Service

Gavin Mankin (GM) Principal Pharmacist Medicines Management, RDTC (*Professional Secretary*)

In attendance:

Adrian Byrne (AB) Advanced Medicines Optimisation Pharmacist, GM Shared Service

1. General Business

1.1) Apologies received:

Robert Hirst, Adam Irvine, Gary Masterman, Petra Brown, Jane Bradford, Firhat Quershi

1.2) Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest in relation to the agenda were raised.

The Chair reminded subgroup members of their obligation to declare any interest they may have on any issue arising at committee meetings which might conflict with the business of GMMMG.

Declarations declared by members of the PaGDSDG are listed in the GMMMG's Register of Interests. The Register is available either via the professional secretary or on the GMMMG website at http://gmmmg.nhs.uk/html/gmmmg_meetings.html

Members were reminded to submit completed annual Declaration of Interest Forms if not already done so as per GMMMG policy.

Declarations of interest from today's meeting:

The following update was received at the meeting:

- No declarations of interest in relation to the agenda were raised.

1.3.1) Minutes of the previous meeting – January 2017

The minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

ACTION: RDTG to publish as final.

1.3.1) Matters arising and Action Log from January 2017 meeting

As per the action log enclosed with the papers.

Transanal Irrigation Pathway

The working group to progress this pathway has now met and a draft pathway is out for consultation on the GMMMG website until the 31st March 2017. It has also been circulated to all chief pharmacists in Trusts and CCGs.

ACTION:

- **GM to circulate draft transanal irrigation pathway to PaGDSG members for comment.**

NW Allergic rhinitis pathway

Contacted the authors of this pathway who do not wish to complete GMMMG scoping document as requested. Also emailed CCG Med Man Leads to ascertain if this an area of work they would like GMMMG to progress and indications are that no identified need in primary care for GMMMG guidance for allergic rhinitis. The group therefore agreed no further action was required.

2. Strategic Direction and Governance

2.1) Shared care protocol development process

The group discussed and agreed to adopt the process developed previously by the GMMMG Interface Subgroup for shared care protocol with a modification to include 4 weeks of consultation via the GMMMG website prior to final version for approval being produced.

ACTION:

- **GM to update the shared care protocol development process on the GMMMG website.**

3. Shared Care Guidelines

3.1) Degarelix for prostate cancer SCP

The group noted that the draft degarelix for prostate cancer SCP is currently out for comment on the GMMMG website until the 31st March 2017. Once all the comments have been reviewed a final draft will be prepared to come to May 2017 PaGDSG for approval.

3.2) Nebulised colistin for non-CF bronchiectasis SCP.

The group noted that the draft Nebulised colistin for non-CF bronchiectasis SCP is currently out for comment on the GMMMG website until the 31st March 2017. Once all the comments have been reviewed a final draft will be prepared to come to May 2017 PaGDSG for approval.

3.3) LHRH analogues for prostate cancer SCP (for review in Jan)

The group approved this SCP for a further 2 years. There have been minor changes mainly in Section 8 Drug interactions and Section 12 Pharmaceutical aspects with regards to Triptorelin. The main change is the addition of Lutrate to the SCP, which is a new brand of Leuprorelin new to the market.

ACTION:

- **GM to send reviewed and updated LHRH analogues for prostate cancer SCP to next GMMMG meeting for ratification.**

3.4) Cinacalcet for primary hyperparathyroidism SCG (due for review in May 2017)

The group noted that the current GMMMG SCP for Cinacalcet for primary hyperparathyroidism was now due for review. The SCP has been sent to the original authors for review and no changes are expected. The current version remains valid until a new version with an updated review date is available.

ACTION:

- **GM to review current SCP with Pennine Acute, and then bring to May PaGDSG meeting for approval.**

3.5) Ibandronate in breast cancer SCG (due for review in May 2017)

The group noted that the current GMMMG SCP for Ibandronate in breast cancer was now due for review. The SCP has been sent to the original authors for review and no changes are expected. The current version remains valid until a new version with an updated review date is available.

ACTION:

- **GM to review current SCP with The Christie, and then bring to May PaGDSG meeting for approval.**

4. Pathways and Clinical Guidelines

4.1) Urticaria – GP supporting information

A draft document has now been developed with specialists from SRFT and CMFT to support GPs in the prescribing of unlicensed doses of antihistamines.

ACTION:

- **GM circulate draft Urticaria GP Supporting Information to PaGDSG members for comment.**
- **SJ to circulate draft Urticaria GP Supporting Information to CCGs for comment.**

4.2) Ophthalmology pathway

The final version of the Macular Drugs Pathway was presented to and approved by the group.

The group asked for the financial implications section of the cover sheet to be updated before it goes to GMMMG for ratification.

ACTION:

- **GM to send Macular Drugs Pathway to next GMMMG meeting for ratification.**
- **GM to send Macular Drugs Pathway to next High Cost Drugs Subgroup meeting for information.**

4.3) Treatment of gender dysphoria – production of supporting information

Requests have been received from a number of GM CCGs for the provision of prescribing information to aid GPs prescribing for gender dysphoria.

Despite contacting several of providers directly and also the relevant NHS England

Specialist Commissioner no supporting information for GPs has been forthcoming apart from the leaflets available from the Newcastle Service.

The Royal College of Psychiatrists' Oct 2013: Good Practice Guidelines for the Assessment and Treatment of Adults with Gender Dysphoria - GPs may find the following appendices in this guideline useful as they contain some general information on the dosing and monitoring of hormone therapy in adults with gender dysphoria:

- Appendix 2: Guidelines for hormone therapy for gender dysphoria in trans women and postgenital operation or gender recognition certificated women
- Appendix 3: Guidelines for hormone therapy for gender dysphoria in trans men and postgenital operation or gender recognition certificated men
- Appendix 4: Hormonal treatment: a suggested collaborative care protocol

It is therefore proposed in the absence of information from the providers or NHS England to host the Royal College of Psychiatrists' guideline on the GMMMG website under Specialist Guidelines tab together with the contact details for all the current providers of Gender Dysphoria services in England. This was approved by the group.

ACTION:

- **GM to ask GMMMG at their next meeting to ratify the hosting of the Royal College of Psychiatrists' guideline for gender dysphoria on the GMMMG website under Specialist Guidelines tab together with the contact details for all the current providers of Gender Dysphoria services in England.**

4.4) Asthma pathway

The final version of the GMMMG asthma pathway was presented to and approved by the group. The group noted NICE is currently updating its guidance in this area expected in June 2017, and this pathway will be reviewed when this guidance is finally published.

ACTION:

- **GM to send Asthma Pathway to next GMMMG meeting for ratification.**

4.5) Post-orthopaedic surgery anticoagulation pathway

The group have been asked to look at developing a pathway for post orthopaedic surgery anticoagulation at the request of HMR CCG. It appears that the number of patients currently being on LMWH is taking up a significant proportion of district nurse time, and it has been suggested that changing these patients to NOACs would free up a lot of nurse time. After discussion the group felt this issue better than up between HMR CCG and its local Trust as other localities did not report similar issues. Those localities present indicated when LMWH is used Post-orthopaedic surgery they encourage the patient to self-inject or use NOACs.

4.6) COPD Management Plan – supporting information for prescribers

Following the publication of the GMMMG COPD management plan, a request was received for the development of some supporting information for prescribers to highlight why the plan had been produced, what its intended aims were and how it differed from current practice.

A final draft of the supporting information including an academic detailing aid was presented to and approved by the group.

ACTION:

- **GM to add the COPD Management Plan – supporting information for prescribers to the GMMMG website.**

4.7) Opioid guidance

Members asked what the progress was developing some opioid guidelines and supporting information on prescribing for primary care across Greater Manchester.

After discussion it was agreed to scope this using the scoping template to identify what was required.

ACTION:

- **SJ to scope the content and need for GM for some opioid guidelines and supporting information on prescribing for primary care across Greater Manchester.**

5. Updates from National Guidance and Workplan

5.1) Horizon scanning/MHRA DSU March 2017

The Horizon scanning/MHRA DSU document for March 2017 was circulated to the group for information. The group noted that the only action required was to ask the High Cost Drugs Subgroup to update the Psoriasis pathway to include apremilast now that is NICE TA approved.

5.2) Workplan March 2017

The current workplan of the group was circulated for information.

6. Updates from Other Groups

6.1) GMMMG

A verbal update on the last meeting of this group was given.

6.2) Formulary and Managed Entry Subgroup

A verbal update on the last meeting of this group was given.

6.3) High Cost Drugs Subgroup

A verbal update on the last meeting of this group was given.

7. Additional Items

Meeting dates for 2017

Circulated to the group for information.

Minor amendments to anti-psychotic SCPs re Prolactin monitoring

The group approved a minor amendment to the anti-psychotic SCPs to change the prolactin monitoring to 12 months and then annual from 6 months, 12 months and then annually.

ACTION:

- **GM to make minor amendment to SCP as approved and update GMMMG website.**

Rheumatology DMARD SCPs

Now that the final BSR guidance on the monitoring of DMARDs has now been published a draft GMMMG wide version of the SCPs for DMARDs in rheumatology has been produced and circulated to all Trusts for their initial comments.

Cancer Vanguard

The group noted that as part of the cancer vanguard the manufacturer of Denosumab is looking for to be prescribed in primary care for cancer metastases. The group noted this currently a RED drug for this indication and any change in pathway would need to come to this group for approval.

Date of Next Meeting

11th May 2017, 1pm-3pm, Nye Bevan House, Maclure Road, Rochdale, OL11 1DN