

Minutes	Title of Meeting:	NHSR Medicines Management Committee Meeting
	Time:	9.00am to 11.00am
	Date:	Wednesday 23 November 2016
	Venue:	Cedar Room, Oak House
	Reference:	AG/JAA
	Chairman:	Avanti Gunasekera

Present: Avanti Gunasekera (Chair) (AG) GP, Commissioning Executive, RCCG
 Stuart Lakin Head of Medicines Management, RCCG

In attendance: Ravi Nalliagounder GP
 Paula Whitehurst (PW) Prescribing Technician, RCCG
 Jason Punyer Prescribing Advisor, RCCG
 Eloise Summerfield Prescribing Advisor, RCCG
 Alun Windle Safeguarding Adults and Quality Lead, RCCG
 Julie Abbotts (JA) Project Officer, RCCG (Minutes)

	Agenda Items and Action Points	Action
1	Apologies Judith Wilde	
2	Declarations of Interest None declared.	
3	Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 November 2016 Minutes were accepted as a true record.	
4	Matters Arising	
4.1	EPS (Electronic Prescription Service) Wickersley now have a go live date in January. There are only four other practices remaining and it is unlikely that they will go live.	
4.2	Anticoagulation Previous Minute <i>SL will be meeting with Rachel Garrison/Becky in Finance as there is an issue with the finances because the haematology service was funded on activity and now a lot of activity has been taken back into primary care and it has left a funding gap and we need to look at implications.</i> Anticoagulation Meeting will be held on Friday 9 November 2016 – SL would feedback.	
4.3	Prescribing Responsibility for Transgender Medications Previous Minute <i>SL needs to take a final look at the policies and will be passing these back to Dr Oakley at Porterbrook who has agreed to talk to the Dr Bennett on our behalf. The way forward will be to ask Dr Bennett to see all of the patients in the first instance.</i> <i>SL has now reviewed the policy and this is now back with Dr Oakley.</i> Ongoing.	

<p>4.4</p>	<p>Waste Management Campaign</p> <p>Previous Minute</p> <p><i>The paper had been taken to SCE last week with regards to spending some of the savings from the waste campaign to appoint Pharmacy Technicians and to buy ScriptSwitch. It was felt that more evidence was needed to support stopping the QIS (Quality Incentive Scheme).</i></p> <p>The paper that went to SCE wasn't agreed but SL had subsequently spoken to Finance but end of year non-recurrent money might still available. Gordon had prepared an column for AG for the Advertiser and the key message was about not ordering medications needed over Christmas too early. This will appear in the Advertiser on 9 December 2016.</p> <p>Third party ordering – a further six practices will have discontinued third party ordering by February 2017. SL had been invited to attend the LMC meeting on 12 January 2017 regarding issues re vulnerable patients. SL said that issues had occurred in areas where pharmacies hadn't co-operated. The Superintendent of one pharmacy chain had emailed SL with several points relating to one of their practices and SL is liaising with him about these issues. There have been three complaints, two of which were from MP's. Letters have been sent and Sarah Champion responded very positively to the letter and was very supportive of the Rotherham initiatives and asked if she could pass the letter on to the Shadow Secretary for Health. As of 1 April 2017 there will only be four practices who have decided to continue with third party ordering ie Stag, Magna, Brookfield and Greenside.</p> <p>RN talked about an icon on System 1 repeat dispensing which appears against the side of a PRN drug which is not regularly prescribed. Discussion occurred about this and whether anything could be done to flag up the use of this icon to all other System 1 GPs.</p>	<p>SL</p>
<p>4.5</p>	<p>Rotherham Drugs Affecting Bone Metabolism Summary Report 2014/15</p> <p>Outstanding Action Item from Previous Minutes</p> <p><i>LM said that she is currently working on the Osteoporosis SCP and has a draft Pathway which she agreed to share with AG/RN for their comments.</i></p> <p>Ongoing.</p>	<p>LM</p>
<p>4.6</p>	<p>Melatonin for Sleep Disorders in Children</p> <p>Action Item from Previous Minutes</p> <p><i>LM was still waiting for a response to her email to Dr Suri. A request had been made for Dr Suri to attend an APC meeting but this hasn't happened yet. AG/SL will email Osman Chohan to make a further request to see if Dr Suri can attend the November meeting to discuss. LM agreed to collate practice data and would attach this to the SCP. APC would also be informed that we would be switching patients over to Circadin.</i></p> <p><i>Practice data still awaited – LM to action.</i></p> <p><i>Ongoing – awaiting a response from Dr Suri to AG email.</i></p> <p>Currently working with Emma Royle/Richard Cullen regarding proposed funding for sleep clinics by offsetting cost of drugs.</p>	<p>LM</p> <p>AG</p>
<p>4.7</p>	<p>Patient Self Care</p> <p>Previous Minutes</p> <p><i>Met with Gordon Laidlaw and we're now awaiting ideas from Creative Media company.</i></p> <p>Ongoing.</p>	
<p>4.9</p>	<p>ADHD Branded Generics</p>	

	<p>Previous Minutes <i>Post meeting note - RS is liaising with RDaSH to explore potential branded generic switch.</i></p> <p>Ongoing.</p>	
4.10	<p>Prescribing of Anti-epileptic Medication in Doncaster – SL</p> <p>Previous Minutes <i>JW had gone through the SCP and had sent this back to Gary and generally she didn't have any issues with it. Protocol says that if GP's are uncomfortable prescribing something then the consultant will do this and in Barnsley and Sheffield who have already passed the SCP, this isn't happening. JW questioned whether she should point this out prior to the SCP being passed and it was agreed that this should be clearly pointed out beforehand. It was felt that it would be a good idea if the working group continued to meet to look into the cases where patients are referred back to their GP by the consultant.</i></p> <p>A meeting had taken place recently and we are in the process of agreeing shared guidelines with Bassetlaw/Sheffield/Barnsley and Rotherham. Doncaster have decided to have their own guidelines. Once the guidelines have been agreed, JW will work with Gary Barnfield from Sheffield to look at the role of the Epilepsy Liaison Nurses.</p> <p>Post meeting note from JW – JW met with Gary Barnfield and Rob ? on 30/11/16. The document was discussed and JW suggested some minor changes that needed to be made. JW raised the point which says that consultants will prescribe 1/12 in any circumstance where a GP is uncomfortable doing so and Gary will take this back to the Sheffield Formulary Group which was to meet yesterday (06/12/16). Rob raised the importance of having detailed handover from the specialist nurses and we queried whether they could use a standard proforma so the basic info is always on there and they can free type any additional info. Gary said he will feedback after the Sheffield Formulary meeting.</p>	<p>JW</p> <p>JW</p>
4.11	<p>Breast Cancer and Bisphosphonates – SL</p> <p>Previous Minute <i>SCP has been approved – we are now looking at the finances but it is going to be difficult to find the money to make it happen as it attracts extra payments.</i></p> <p><i>SCP has been uploaded to the internet and a paragraph has appeared in Bitesize. It has also been shared with the LMC and SL has received verbal feedback that it has been well received – SL would follow this up and ask for confirmation. The payments element and how the SCP will be implemented now needs to be agreed and Janet Pinder-Sinclair is dealing with this.</i></p> <p>SL said that the matrix had been sent out last week and the codes would follow. From conversations SL had had with contacts from surrounding CCG's, Rotherham seems to be the only CCG who are offering a payment for this work as other areas see this as an extension of current work.</p>	SL
4.12	<p>Yorkshire the Humber Monthly Financial Headlines - July 2016 – SL</p> <p>Previous Minute <i>SL said the SCP had been approved and added to Shared Care LES. It had been sent to the LMC and needs a response to say they are happy with the proposals. SL will put a paragraph in Bitesize once LMC approval has been received.</i></p> <p>SL updated that the LMC are happy with the SCP and prescribers have now been notified via newsletter and the shared care LES has been updated.</p>	SL
4.13	<p>NHS Right Care Commissioning for Value – Cardiovascular/Diabetes – SL</p>	

	<p>meeting ie:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volume of NSAIDs and rubs to be reviewed as part of the wastage project. • Gout guidelines re Febuxostat required – ES would produce these. • Osteoporosis Pathway – this is already being discussed by LM/AG and would continue as a high priority. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data needs to be taken to TRFT regarding coding, especially high hip replacement and some fractures of low bisphos and other prescriptions. • Excellent that tramadol is lower than best 5. <p>Nothing to add.</p>	<p>ES</p> <p>LM/AG</p>
5	AGENDA ITEMS	
5.1	<p>QIPP Opportunities – SL</p> <p>SL had brought along the Medicines Management element from the NHS England document - QIPP – A Menu of Opportunities. We went through the document line by line and added an update on where we are in Rotherham. The original document had been sent to SL/AG by Chris Edwards and AG agreed to feed the comments back to CE. <i>Post Meeting Note – JA has emailed the completed document to CE.</i></p>	
5.2	<p>Antibiotic Guidelines – JP</p> <p>The guidelines were discussed. Review days were discussed and JP pointed out that review days for patients in hospital would be different to primary care and AG/RN felt that GP’s would probably stick to the 7 day review, asking patients to return if there were problems. Discussion took place about CRP testing and the machine which is available at Anand Barmade’s practice and this isn’t being used. It was agreed that AG would liaise with Anand and a pilot would be set-up in another practice to use the machine and monitor difference antibiotic prescribing. Guidelines were ratified and it was agreed that they would be uploaded to the intranet in their current format. GB would be producing a glossy leaflet version but this would take some time, in the meantime GP’s could use the electronic version. JP/GB would write a paragraph for Bitesize and arrange for the guidelines to be uploaded to the intranet. JP/GB would feedback costings for the leaflets and, depending on costs, additional copies would be made available for TRFT Community Nurses.</p>	<p>AG</p> <p>GB</p> <p>GB/JP</p>
5.3	<p>Optimisation Rx Presentation – Craig Wood, Business Development Manager</p> <p>A very in-depth presentation was given. There are a couple of You Tube video demonstrations which can be viewed via the links below.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ORx video demonstration in EMIS Web: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=epCwBnKzzBk • ORx video demonstration in SystmnOne: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MwEqdUKHl2o&list=TLOKShig2ODcsc8ZkMcv8Q7Gh71Vmy6Md8 <p>There are currently 150 CCG’s who have the system in place. Craig concluded the presentation by running through the various options for piloting the tool. The annual cost of the system would be approximately £85K.</p>	
6	<p>NICE Guidelines</p> <p>November 2016 – to be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	
7	<p>Traffic Light</p> <p>Nothing to add.</p>	
8	<p>Horizon Scanning</p> <p>No update</p>	

9	For Information Barnsley APC Ratified Minutes – no update Barnsley APC Memo – no update Barnsley APC Report – no update Doncaster & Bassetlaw APC – 16 October 2016 RDASH MMC Draft Minutes – no update Sheffield Area Prescribing Group – no update	
10	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	
	Branded Generic Switch of the Month – Calcium and Colecalciferol SL brought along copies of the paperwork. It was agreed that this would be this month's switch and would go out in the newsletter, it would be a straight batch switch and will be included in monitoring for December. SL would look at the brands mentioned on the paperwork and update these prior to them being issued.	SL
11	Items for APC, Items for Escalation or Additions to the Risk Register None discussed.	
12	Date and Time of next Meeting: The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 21 December 2016 from 9.00am to 11.00am in Cedar Room, Oak House. Agenda Deadline: By close of play on Friday 16 December 2016.	

Items Pending

Week last appeared	Item last appeared	Item to be brought back for discussion when appropriate	Last action
19/03/2014	14/83	Methylphenidate SCP	<i>On MMC 14/05/2014 & APC 14/05/2014 Needs to be progressed further – SL to speak to RS.</i>
19/03/2014	14/82	Survey Monkey – discharge from prisons	
04/02/2015	14/382	Erectile Dysfunction Clinic PDE5 Inhibitors	
04/02/2015	14/382	Lipid Modification Guidelines	
	15/46	Wakefield Eclipse Live Software	
10/06/2015	15/75	Liraglutide	
10/06/2015	15/75	NHS England North Midlands Emergency Supply Service 2014/15	
08/07/2015	15/88	Anti-emetic Guidelines and Gaviscon Advance	
22/07/2015	15/102	Rotherham Diabetes Summary Report – Quarter 3 – 2014/15	
05/08/2015	15/117	Bluteq	
13/04/2016	16/90	Emergency Supplies Scheme to be Extended in Both Availability and in Volumes	
27/04/2016	16/119	Prescribing Cost Growth – to be brought back quarterly	
20/07/2016	16/163	Improper Use Of Rotherham Minor Ailment Service	