
A draft medicines fact sheet has been distributed to key stakeholders to give them an opportunity to share within networks for comment. Deadline for feedback is 8 April 2016 (to hcis.adtc-collaborative@nhs.net).

The ADTC Collaborative has worked with healthcare professionals and public partners across NHSScotland to prepare the medicines factsheet for patients and the public. The factsheet focuses on the patient journey starting at consultation and explains how doctors (or other healthcare professionals) decide whether to prescribe a medicine and if so, which to prescribe.

The medicines factsheet will replace the 2010 Health Rights Information Scotland (HRIS) Leaflet New Medicines in Scotland - who decides what the NHS can provide?

NHS board new medicines decisions template

The Scottish Government’s response to the Health and Sport Committee Inquiry called for ADTCs to publish SMC formulary decisions in a clear and systematic way with open and transparent information for the public.

The ADTC Collaborative facilitated collaboration between ADTCs, SMC and public partners to develop a standard template and common language for the timely communication of patient-facing information on the availability of new medicines in NHSScotland. Thanks to everyone involved in the development process.

The template has been distributed to ADTCs. We ask ADTCs to test the template in your NHS board and provide feedback by 30 May 2016 (to hcis.adtc-collaborative@nhs.net). This testing phase will allow us to understand the logistics involved in using the template and identify any challenges there might be in making the information publicly available at local level.

WebEx on biosimilars

On Monday 21 March, 1-2pm, the ADTC Collaborative team are hosting a WebEx to share national experiences of using biosimilars.

Learn about
- safety, efficacy and inter-changeability
- what it will mean for your practice, and
- explore how we can optimise biosimilar use in NHSScotland.

Please make sure you book your free place now. To register and receive WebEx log in details follow this link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/webex-with-dr-fraser-cummings-biosimilar-medicines-tickets-21782934343
Public Partner involvement in Area Drug And Therapeutics Committees

The Scottish Health Council’s (SHC) report, *Approaches to public involvement in NHS board Area Drug and Therapeutics committees in NHSScotland* was published on their website on 17 December 2015.

SHC supported the ADTC Collaborative by undertaking short telephone interviews with representatives from each of the 14 ADTCs to explore healthcare professional perspectives of public involvement in NHSScotland’s ADTCs.

The report recognises the valuable support ADTCs currently provide to their public partners and acknowledges the value of their contribution to supporting person-centred decision making. The report highlights examples of good practice and lessons learned to support ADTCs with their public involvement.

The ADTC Collaborative

• have developed a series of recommendations in response to the areas which ADTCs have identified as being particularly challenging, and
• will work with ADTCs to maximise public involvement where appropriate.

Safer Use of Medicines WebEx

This bi-monthly WebEx is hosted by the Area Drug and Therapeutic Collaborative and aims to

• share learning
• test the national sharing of local adverse events
• collaborate on solutions to NHSScotland medicine safety issues, and
• engage with national medicines safety programmes, including Scottish Patient Safety Programme, Yellow Card Centre, Adverse Events, ADTCs, eHealth and NHS England Medicines Safety Officer network.

All NHS staff interested in the safer use of medicines are welcome.

**WebEx’s are held 12 noon to 1pm.**

To join the mailing list please contact the ADTC Collaborative at [hcis.adtc-collaborative@nhs.net](mailto:hcis.adtc-collaborative@nhs.net)

**Dates for future WebEx meetings:**

- 20 April 2016
- 01 June 2016
- 03 August 2016
- 05 October 2016
- 07 December 2016

**ADTC Chairs’ meeting, early May**

The ADTC Collaborative are hosting a meeting for ADTC Chairs’ and Professional Secretaries to share our updated workplan for 2016/17, hear your ADTC’s priorities and challenges for the coming year and share and spread good practice. Meeting venue is Glasgow with WebEx also available. Watch your inbox for a doodle poll seeking your dates and times.

**For more information please contact the Area Drug and Therapeutics Committee Collaborative (ADTCC):** [hcis.adtc-collaborative@nhs.net](mailto:hcis.adtc-collaborative@nhs.net)