Welcome to the October edition of the Area Drug and Therapeutics Committee (ADTC) Collaborative newsletter.

In this edition, we'd like to share with you some exciting news about our new team members and some of our current work on behalf of ADTCs.

We have a new format for our newsletters that enables us to share more content in a more timely way. If you have any comments on the new look or if you have issues with viewing the newsletter, please contact us at hcis.adtc-collaborative@nhs.net.

Previous editions of our bi-monthly newsletters are still available on the Healthcare Improvement Scotland website here.

ADTC Collaborative Annual Review
We launched our publication *Medicines in Scotland: What's the right treatment for me?* in March, followed by an accompanying video, available in seven languages.

As Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) launches its Annual Review 2016 - 2017, we've been reflecting on the past 12 months of the ADTC Collaborative. 2016 - 17 was a busy year for the ADTC Collaborative, with the launch of the *Medicines in Scotland* booklet and video, the *Will my medicine make me better?* conference and the founding of the Formulary Network Scotland.

This year, we've provided more support than ever to Area Drug and Therapeutics Committees, to the Scottish Government, the Effective Prescribing Programme, National Services Scotland and, of course, to patients and the public.

HIS published its strategy *Making Care Better: Better Quality Health and Social Care for Everyone in Scotland*. Click on the image to the right to read more.

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**Access to New Medicines**

Following the recommendations in the Montgomery Review, the ADTC Collaborative is working with colleagues at Healthcare Improvement Scotland, NHS boards and the Scottish Government on the development of standardised paperwork and a new process for the Peer Approved Clinical Scheme (PACS) Tier 2.

In tandem, a National Appeal Panel is being developed as a mechanism for national review of PACS tier 2 appeals.

The ADTC Collaborative hosted a WebEx for ADTC Chairs and Professional Secretaries on 6 September to update on the progress of access to new medicines work. Topics covered included progress on the recommendations of the Montgomery Review; an update from SMC on the new definition for ultra-orphan medicines and interim conditional acceptance advice; and an update from the Scottish Government on PACS Tier 2 and from HIS on the National Appeal Panel.

Another WebEx was held on 10th October for ADTC Chairs, Professional Secretaries and Formulary colleagues. ADTCs requested a bimonthly WebEx to get more frequent updates about the work of the collaborative and also the currently very busy landscape of Access to Medicines. These meetings will be open to anyone who has a specific interest in the agenda items. Dates to follow.
Safer Use of Medicines

The ADTC Collaborative is involved in discussions within HIS on how to better streamline all the HIS activities around the safer use of medicines e.g. ADTCC WebEx, SPSP work and WebExes and safety alerts. We welcome any feedback on potential improvements in this area. More information to follow soon.

New team members for ADTC Collaborative

We recently said goodbye to two members of the ADTC Collaborative team, Clinical Advisors Roy Foot and Anne Gilchrist, who have returned to their substantive posts in NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde and NHS Lothian respectively. We would like to say a big thank you to Anne and Roy for all the knowledge and experience they brought to the team, along with a unique ADTC and NHS board perspective, which is vital to the team’s work.

We’re very lucky and delighted that two more excellent Clinical Advisors have joined the team, Helen Lindsay and Mandy Mackintosh. Helen and Mandy will support the ADTC Collaborative across its range of work, with particular focus on EAMS and biologics as initial areas of work.

Helen Lindsay has joined the ADTCC Team on secondment from NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (NHSGGC) where she is Lead Clinical Pharmacist in Orthopaedics. She started her career as a hospital clinical pharmacist in medical specialties then becoming Clinical Pharmacy Manager before going on to hold posts in Audit, Medicines Safety and Public Health in several NHS boards. For NHS Education for Scotland she has been a post-graduate pharmacist tutor and undertook a secondment to pilot Significant Event Analysis for pharmacists.

Helen sits on the NHSGGC Person Centred Care Group and the National Acute Pharmacy Services Clinical Pharmacy Sub-Group.
Mandy Mackintosh has joined the ADTCC Team on secondment from NHS Dumfries and Galloway where she is an acute prescribing advising pharmacist. She started her career as a hospital pharmacist in NHS Ayrshire and Arran and has also worked within the community pharmacy sector. Recent project work has involved delivering quality improvement in the use of biologic and biosimilar medicines. Mandy sits on NHS Dumfries and Galloway ADTC, Exceptional Prescribing Panel, WoS Prescribing Group and National Homecare Medicines Group and has also recently completed the Independent Prescribing course and the Pharmacy Management Clinical Leadership programme.

**Update of Biosimilars Medicines: A National Prescribing Framework**

The ADTC Collaborative is working on a refresh of the Biosimilars Medicines Framework, first published in 2015.

The new publication will be published by the end of 2017 and will bring the guidance on biosimilars prescribing up to date, reflecting the latest evidence, the growing volume of biosimilars prescribing, the increase in treatment options available, and the number of specialities for which biosimilars are available.
Forthcoming work with National Procurement

The ADTC Collaborative is working with NHSScotland National Procurement on updated guidance for the treatment of Hepatitis C and guidelines on free of charge schemes.

The number of free of charge schemes is continuing to rise and it is important that ADTCs are aware of such schemes and provide governance around them. National Procurement is holding a meeting on 8th November 2017, 1.30-3.00pm, Delta House, Glasgow to discuss the schemes.

If anyone from an ADTC would like to attend or dial in to the meeting please contact Lindsay.mcclure@nhs.net.

Look out for more information on the guidance in your inbox soon.

Dates for your diary

Access to new medicines bi-monthly WebEx for ADTC Chairs and Professional Secretaries
This WebEx series is open to any ADTC members who wish to attend

Formulary Network Scotland
Now that the Scottish Government has appointed Anne Gilchrist as Formulary Pharmacist and preliminary work is underway a Doodle poll has been sent out soon to arrange a meeting of the FNS. See your in box for details.

Free of Charge Schemes meeting
8th November 2017, 1.30-3pm, Delta House, Glasgow. Teleconference/WebEx details will be available. See note above about attendance.

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