Welcome

Welcome to the September 2016 edition of the Area Drug and Therapeutics Committee (ADTC) Collaborative newsletter. We’ve included details on the annual national conference and the next ADTC chairs’ and professional secretaries’ WebEx.

Our bi-monthly newsletters are available on the Healthcare Improvement Scotland website at www.healthcareimprovementscotland.org/our_work/technologies_and_medicines/adtc_collaborative.aspx

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ADTC chairs’ and professional secretaries’ WebEx

The next ADTC chairs’ and professional secretaries’ WebEx, hosted by the ADTC Collaborative, will be held on Tuesday 4 October, 2-4pm.

At the previous meeting on Wednesday 4 May 2016 it was agreed to have two meetings each year. ADTC chairs, professional secretaries and/or ADTC representatives are welcome to join the WebEx. If you are unable to access WebEx technology, please get in touch and we will set up teleconference facilities to enable you to join via telephone.

Objectives of October meeting:
• To share and spread good practice and consider how we can work together most effectively.
• To provide more detail on annual national conference 2016.
• To discuss progress with ADTC Collaborative work plan for 2016-2017.

If you have not received information and would like to attend, please contact us.

We are keen to hear how ADTCs are adopting ADTC Collaborative outputs locally and any challenges you are experiencing with implementation.

We would, therefore, be grateful if you could seek views from your ADTC members and colleagues on how you have adopted the ADTC Collaborative outputs locally.

For example: medicines factsheet, biosimilars (prescribing framework, switch letters and WebEx), Early Access to Medicines Scheme guidance, declarations of interest.

Please bring along any examples of local work to the ADTC chairs’ WebEx.
Formulary network
The ADTC Collaborative will soon be engaging with the NHS board teams who support local formularies to set up a national network.

The network will initially be facilitated by the ADTC Collaborative and the ultimate aim is for the network to become self-sustaining.

If you are interested in joining the new network for NHS board teams who support formularies, please get in touch with us.

Annual National Conference

Will my medicine make me better? Improving outcomes for people in Scotland

The annual conference will be held on Thursday 24 November at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Glasgow Central.

The focus of this year's event is on evidence and outcomes and we are delighted to have Professor Rose Marie Parr (Chief Pharmaceutical Officer), Dr Gregor Smith (Deputy Chief Medical Officer) among the plenary speakers.

This year we are widening the invitations beyond ADTCs to include those with an interest in medicines data, evidence and outcomes to:

• share knowledge on strategic work on evidence and outcomes within medicines
• explore how we make best use of data we have in key clinical areas to drive improvement in patient outcomes
• explore the use of patient experience and patient outcome data
• consider how we use health and social care data as we move forward with integration, and
• provide an opportunity to network and share learning from other areas.

If you would like to attend and have not received information on how to register, please contact us.

Events

Annual National Conference 2016
Thursday 24 November, Glasgow

ADTC chairs’ and professional secretaries’ WebEx
Tuesday 4 October 2016, 2-4pm and Tuesday 4 March 2017, 2-4pm

Safer Use of Medicines WebEx
Wednesday 5 October and Wednesday 7 December 12 noon–1pm

HEPMA event
Date, time and venue to be announced soon