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Minutes of the Scottish Antimicrobial Prescribing Group Meeting held on 30th March 2009

NHS Quality Improvement Scotland, Delta House, 50 West Nile Street, Glasgow

Present: Professor Dilip Nathwani (Chairman), NHS Tayside
Dr Martin Connor, NHS Dumfries and Galloway, ADTC / AMT
Dr Anne Eastaway, Health Protection Scotland
Professor Ian Gould, NHS Grampian, Scottish Microbiology Forum
Dr Nick Kennedy, NHS Lanarkshire, Infectious Diseases
Ms Jackie Ley, HAI Nurse Consultant, NHS Quality Improvement Scotland
Mr William Malcolm, Pharmaceutical Advisor, Health Protection Scotland
Ms Susan Paton, Project Co-ordinator, Scottish Antimicrobial Prescribing Group
Dr Jacqueline Sneddon, Project Lead Scottish Antimicrobial Prescribing Group
Ms Sybil Solomon, Nurse Consultant, Infection Control Managers Network
Mrs Sheila Tunstall-James, SMC Patient and Public Involvement
Dr Andrew Seaton, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, ADTC
Ms Alison Cockburn, NHS Lothian, AMT
Dr Alexander Crichton, Glasgow Dental Hospital, Dental representative
Dr Camilla Wiuff, AMR Programme Manager, Health Protection Scotland
Mrs Gail Caldwell, NHS Forth Valley and Director of Pharmacy Group
Ms Angela Timoney, Vice Chair, SMC
Ms Ysobel Gourlay, Lead Antimicrobial Pharmacist, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde
Dr Gail Haddock, General Practitioner, NHS Highland
Mr Ishtiaq Mohammed, Clinical Effectiveness Pharmacist, NHS Fife
Dr Alistair Leonard, University of Glasgow, Scottish Infection Research Network

Apologies: Mrs Marion Bennie, National Medicine Utilisation Unit, Information Services Division
Ms Arlene Brailey, NHS Education for Scotland
Mrs Carol Fraser, Scottish Government Health Directorate
Dr Peter Christie, Consultant in Public Health Medicine, NHS Quality Improvement Scotland
Dr Robert Masterton, Medical Director, NHS Ayrshire & Arran
Dr Karen MacSween, NHS Lothian, ADTC
Mr Robert Gray, Infection Control Manager, Golden Jubilee National Hospital
Mrs Liz Gillies, ScotMARAP Lead, NHS Education for Scotland
Dr Nicholas Reid, Lead Antimicrobial Pharmacist, NHS Ayrshire & Arran
Dr Simon Hurding, General Practitioner, NHS Highland
Mrs Anne Lee, Acting Chief Pharmaceutical Advisor, SMC
Professor Peter Davey, NHS Tayside, International Liaison
Professor Hamish McKenzie, Scottish Dean Medical Education Group
Dr Ken Paterson, Chair, Scottish Medicine Consortium
Ms Sheila Voas, Veterinary Advisor, Scottish Government Rural Directorate

In attendance: Andrea Patton, Project Co-ordinator, Scottish National Audit Project - Community Acquired Pneumonia
Jesus Gallego, Veterinary Adviser (Meat Hygiene) attended on behalf of Sheila Voas

Observer: Steve McCormick, Lead Antimicrobial Pharmacist, NHS Lanarkshire

1. Welcome and Apologies.

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The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed those present. Apologies were listed as above.

2. Minutes of the last meeting of SAPG held on 26th January 2009 were agreed as a correct record of discussion.

Established not all groups have web links to and from SAPG. HPS will take forward linking from HPS to SAPG. If any group does not have web link and would like one, please contact Susan Paton.

All

3. Matters Arising

- **Update on Pharmaceutical Industry Representative.**

Noted Pharmaceutical Representative not yet confirmed but will be in place by next meeting.

- **E-Bug in Schools.**

Carried forward to June meeting.

- **Prescribing Indicators.**

CEL has now been finalised and will be issued very shortly. Suggestions from SAPG concerning prescribing indicators are included within the CEL.. Agreed finalised CEL to be circulated to SAPG members when received. SAPG will write to AMTs to advise on starting data collection and plans for data entry into Extranet.

JS

Funding Antimicrobial Pharmacists.

Carried forward to June meeting.

- **Evaluation of SIRN Meeting**

Reported evaluation of meeting for Antimicrobial Pharmacists in January. Good presentations and very practical but more time needed on kinetics. NES have sponsored two further pharmaceokinetic sessions.

- **Vice Chairs.**

Advised the role of the Chair of SAPG will follow the model of SMC by having two vice chairs. The Chair was delighted to announce that Dr Bob Masterton, Consultant Microbiologist & Medical Director, NHS Ayrshire and Arran, and Mrs Gail Caldwell, Director of Pharmacy, NHS Forth Valley have accepted the invitation to become vice chairs of SAPG.

4. Feedback on AMT Event 3rd March 2009. (Paper 1)

Reported fifty people attended the AMT Event held on 3rd March 2009; but only 20 evaluation forms were received. From the forms received the feedback was positive but attendees felt both the presentations and workshops were a little rushed. The next AMT event is scheduled for 2nd June 2009 and it is hoped more microbiologists and clinicians will attend.

The Scottish Microbiologist Forum and Scottish Infectious Diseases Group were proposed as a route for highlighting AMT events to microbiologists and ID Physicians, and collaboration on future events was suggested.

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Invitations for the next event will be sent to the Chairs of these groups for circulation to their membership. **SP**

More AMT input to events was agreed and a rota will be drawn up for different boards to present or lead workshops at future events. The need to be mindful of notice period required for clinicians to attend was also highlighted. **JS**

5. Workstream Updates

- **Information**
 - **ESAC PPS (Paper 2)**

The project proposal was discussed in detail and mandatory participation by Boards was agreed. Each board should have one acute hospital included in the study and also one non-acute hospital would be desirable. The inclusion of additional hospitals to be encouraged.. A central resource for data input was proposed to reduce the workload involved for AMTs. The proposal was discussed and agreed but noted that funding of data input resource is still being explored via HPS and SMC. Noted each board team should have a nominated study lead, which in most cases will be the Antimicrobial Pharmacist. Boards will also need Caldicott guardian approval.

Proposed timescale for the study is data collection of data in June and data input in July/August. Training on data collection will take place at the Association of Scottish Antimicrobial Pharmacists Meeting on April 17th. Antimicrobial Pharmacists will then be expected to train other staff within their Board.

Letter outlining study details to be sent to Medical Directors, Directors of Pharmacy, AMT Chairs, Antimicrobial Pharmacists and ICMs as soon as possible. **JS**

- **Information Action Plan (Tabled Paper – HPS AMR Programme, circulated with minutes)**

Updated Information workstream going well with an IT solution for AMR data transfer process agreed. Pilots to be completed by May with implementation taking place thereafter. Laboratories have been surveyed on current VITEK use. Pilot reports have been produced as first step in creating an integral reporting system for consumption and resistance, and also looking at formatting of EARSS and Welsh data reports.

Surveillance coming through HPS will pick up new resistance patterns but also requires to be part of local surveillance. Regional differences will be reported as system evolves.

- **Organisation**

Plans for follow up of the AMT survey via NHS QIS visits have been superseded by the Healthcare Environment Inspectorate Scotland process. As part of this process the new HAI self-assessment tool will be completed by all Boards by June 2009 and includes evaluation of AMT structures and antimicrobial prescribing.

Copy of self-assessment tool to be sent to all AMT Chairs and Antimicrobial Pharmacists for information. **JS**

Organisation Action plan has not been updated due to the emerging inspection process but will be available at the May meeting. **PC/JL**

- **Education**

- **Feedback on Antimicrobial Pharmacist Study Day**

Feedback on the Antimicrobial Pharmacist Study day was very positive but highlighted that attendees felt workshops were rushed.

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Pharmacists reported that DDD's were proving very time consuming and support was sought locally or nationally for development of the Business Objects system, already in use in NHS Tayside, Agreed that work required to achieve this will be investigated with a view to progressing via Board IT departments or via HPS/ISD. Confirmed Boards to continue with current methods for measuring DDDs meantime. **JS/WM**

Suggested linking with electronic prescribing work to avoid duplication of effort. Agreed to investigate this with national HEPMA team. **WM/JS**

- **Education Action Plan**

The review of DOTS vignettes will be completed by June. The inclusion of an example on gentamicin prescribing has still to be addressed with the review group, the need for this to be in place for August was highlighted.

Online bacterial resistance tutorial now in final stages and final meeting arranged

The need for an update on timescales at next meeting was highlighted. **LG**

A CPD course on Antibiotics for national regional delivery in November/December 2009 is being developed by NES in collaboration with Antimicrobial Pharmacists.

- **Infection Management**

- **SNAP-CAP (Paper 4)**

Reported SNAP-CAP will become a large part of SAPG workload when transferred from RCPE and should become 5th workstream, distinct from Infection Management workstream. Agreed a separate action plan should be drawn up. **PD/JS**

An update was presented on current position of SNAP-CAP uptake by hospitals and problems with sustainability. Andrea Patton agreed to attend SAPG meetings on regular basis to report on SNAP-CAP.

AMT contact details were requested for the DOTS pneumonia vignette. It was agreed that this should be provided as a link to the SAPG website and that AMT Chairs should be contacted individually for consent to include their names on the website. **JS**

Advised the handover meeting will be taking place soon and the clinician groups to be targeted for further engagement will be identified.

A new Steering Group will be formed and it was agreed that an AMT representative should be recruited to improve links with AMTs. **JS**

Collaboration with the Surviving Sepsis agenda was raised as some streams of their work may overlap and it is important that they are aware of antimicrobial policy changes. This should be done at local level.

The need to identify a new patient safety representative on SAPG was highlighted. **JS**

- **Primary Care Policies and prescribing indicators (Paper 5)**

12 out of 13 boards are currently using indicators to monitor prescribing and broadly all fall into two main themes. A range of indicators are being developed on PRISMS

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to inform nationally and locally. In the first instance they will be classed as indicators and will not have targets. It was agreed that this piece of work should be moved to the Information workstream. Agreed that new range of indicators should be presented at next meeting then go out to AMTs and other relevant groups for comments with timescale to be back for June and launched in August.

WM

A good response has been received with 13 out of 14 boards submitting their policies. Reported most Boards are closely aligned to the current HPA template. It was proposed that a sub group be formed within the Infection Management workstream to formally review the HPA template with a view to recommending its use throughout Scotland. This group would also review the biannual updates of the template and highlight any significant changes to AMTs. Discussion took place as to whether this piece of work was necessary as boards mainly using template already. Suggestion was made for template to be guidance rather than policy.. Agreed sub group would be formed to take this forward.

WM/SH

- **Follow-up of CDAD Restricted Policies**

Noted that this will form part of HAI self-assessment and inspection so need for SAPG to do this is now superseded.

- **Surgical Prophylaxis**

Meeting scheduled to take place on 7th May 2009, presently working on engaging more surgeons. Orthopaedics is a key issue. Outcomes will be reported back at May SAPG. .Agreed that the Surgical Prophylaxis indicator to support the CDAD HEAT target should also be discussed at this meeting.

IG/AS

- **Gentamicin Policy**

Reported gentamicin usage is increasing and potential toxicity is a clinical governance issue... Initial work in Glasgow suggests no adverse effects but more detailed work required. With regards to dosage, monitoring and identifying toxicity, national guidance would be useful to ensure a unified approach. Boards will be asked to submit copies of their current gentamicin and vancomycin policies to inform this piece of work.

JS/AS

6. SAPG Project Board and Finance Sub Group.

The first meeting of the SAPG Project Board will be canvassed for May; remit of the group will be to look at the clinical and financial governance of SAPG.

SP

The ScotMARAP Finance Sub-Group, which will report to the Project Board has now been formed and first meeting has taken place.

7. Communication Strategy

The original PID for SAPG included requirement for a Communication Strategy for the group. A draft has now been completed and will be shared with SAPG once the new NHS QIS Communication Manager has approved it.

JS

8. Website Minute – Paper 6

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Feedback was sought on the format SAPG minutes should take in light of the minutes being posted on the website. There was overall agreement for a single version of the minutes and these should be in summary format. Minutes and membership of the group will be added to the website. **SP**

9. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 20th May at 12. 30pm (lunch available from 12 noon)