

**Minutes of the  
Scottish Antimicrobial Prescribing Group Meeting  
held on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2009  
NHS Quality Improvement Scotland, Delta House, 50 West Nile Street, Glasgow**

**Present:** Professor Dilip Nathwani (Chairman), NHS Tayside  
Mrs Marion Bennie, National Medicine Utilisation Unit, Information Services Division  
Ms Arlene Brailey, NHS Education for Scotland  
Dr Martin Connor, NHS Dumfries and Galloway, ADTC / AMT  
Dr Anne Eastaway, Health Protection Scotland  
Mrs Carol Fraser, Scottish Government Health Directorate  
Prof Ian Gould, NHS Grampian, Scottish Microbiology Forum  
Dr Nick Kennedy, NHS Lanarkshire, Infectious Diseases  
Mrs Anne Lee, Acting Chief Pharmaceutical Advisor, SMC  
Ms Jackie Ley, Nurse Consultant, NHS Quality Improvement Scotland  
Mr William Malcolm, Pharmaceutical Advisor, Health Protection Scotland  
Dr Robert Masterton, Medical Director, NHS Ayrshire & Arran  
Ms Susan Paton, Project Co-ordinator, Scottish Antimicrobial Prescribing Group  
Dr Nicholas Reid, Lead Antimicrobial Pharmacist, NHS Ayrshire & Arran  
Dr Jacqui 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  
Mrs Liz Gillies, ScotMARAP Lead, NHS Education for Scotland  
Dr Peter Christie, Consultant in Public Health Medicine, NHS Quality Improvement Scotland  
Dr Andrew Seaton, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, ADTC  
Dr Karen MacSween, NHS Lothian, ADTC  
Ms Alison Cockburn, NHS Lothian, AMT  
Mr Robert Gray, Infection Control Manager, Golden Jubilee National Hospital  
Ms Ysobel Gourlay, Lead Antimicrobial Pharmacist, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde  
Dr Alexander Crichton, Glasgow Dental Hospital, Dental representative  
Professor Hamish McKenzie, Scottish Dean Medical Education Group  
Dr Camilla Wiuff, AMR Programme Manager, Health Protection Scotland  
Dr Simon Hurding, General Practitioner, NHS Highland

**Apologies:** Mrs Gail Caldwell, NHS Forth Valley and Director of Pharmacy Group  
NHS Quality Improvement Scotland  
Prof Peter Davey, NHS Tayside, International Liaison  
Dr Alistair Leanord, University of Glasgow, Scottish Infection Research Network  
Alex Kelso, Scottish Patient Safety Programme  
Dr Ken Paterson, Chair, Scottish Medicine Consortium  
Ms Sheila Voas, Veterinary Advisor, Scottish Government Rural Directorate  
Ms Angela Timoney, Vice Chair, SMC  
Dr Gail Haddock, General Practitioner, NHS Highland

**In attendance:** Alan Banks, HPS Observer  
Tracey Cromwell, Information Analyst, Information Services Division  
Julie Wilson, HPS Observer

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### 1. Welcome and apologies

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies for absence were noted.

### 2. Minutes of previous meeting – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2008 – agreed.

### 3. Matters arising

#### ESAC Hospital Project

The Chair noted there was general support around the table for the point prevalence survey (PPS) of antimicrobial prescribing to go ahead this year. Participating hospitals need to be identified very soon to allow the PPS to be carried out in May or June. The PPS will need to be supported by training to ensure that data collection is carried out reliably since a variety of staff groups may be involved.

### 4. Prescribing Indicators

It was agreed to update indicators to underpin the CDAD HEAT target in light of discussions and submit to Scottish Government before 13<sup>th</sup> February.

### 5. Workstream Updates

#### Information

An update was given on current membership of the HPS AMR Team and the Information workstream action plan.

There was also a presentation on the European e-Bug campaign which was launched at the Antibiotic Awareness Day in London. There was widespread agreement that e-Bug was a useful resource but needed to be taken forward via the government education department to include it in schools curriculum.

- **AMT (Antimicrobial Management Team) Event 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2009.**

The next AMT Network Event will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March in Edinburgh and will focus on the Information work stream. The programme will be sent out with application forms next week.

#### Organisation and Accountability:

- **Update on Survey**

The survey of AMT structures in NHS Boards was presented. It was suggested that the report could be circulated via the AMT network and discussed in more detail via individual Board visits.

#### Education

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- **Update – Education Workstream - Action Plan 2008 - 2011**

The updated action plan for development of educational packages and integration of antimicrobial prescribing into training for healthcare professional groups was presented. A framework has been agreed by the five Scottish medical schools and the Chair recommended this as a generic framework which could be adapted for other professions.

- **NES Educational Events**

On 26<sup>th</sup> February there will be a bespoke training day for antimicrobial pharmacists which will draw on local expertise to run the event.

A follow-up larger event for non medical prescribers, pharmacists and infection control nurses is planned for the summer.

NES will also collaborate with antimicrobial pharmacists to develop the programme for evening events on antimicrobial prescribing to be held in Boards throughout Scotland. This will provide CPD for 500-700 pharmacists, mainly from the community sector.

- **SIRN Study Day**

The recent SIRN Study Day for Antimicrobial Pharmacists was well attended and feedback suggests attendees found the presentations very useful.

### **Infection Management**

- **Updated Plan**

System to evaluate the negative impacts of changes in antimicrobial policy is being piloted locally within NHS GG&C.

There was widespread agreement that a national policy for gentamicin would improve both safety and effectiveness. NES could enable national teaching on this via DOTS.

The Chair advised that a piece of work needs to be done to develop a national policy and highlighted that Scottish Microbiology Forum and Association of Scottish Antimicrobial Pharmacists should be engaged to ensure all microbiologists and pharmacists buy into it.

It was highlighted the role of SAPG in communicating that national consensus is needed and taking forward this piece of work.

- **SNAP CAP**

Updated that it had been agreed at the last meeting to write out. A letter was sent out earlier this month along to medical directors asking for encouragement with clinician engagement. The role of AMTs has also been clarified and a presentation has been circulated for inclusion in induction training for junior doctors.

- **Surgical Prophylaxis**

The guidance document on surgical prophylaxis was discussed. A formal group will be set up to take this forward.

- **Primary Care**

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Primary care prescribing issues were discussed. Highlighted that there is PRISMS prescribing data back to 2002 and most Boards have staff with expertise in analysing this data. It is thought that most Boards would support national prescribing guidance for primary care antimicrobial use.

An evaluation of current guidance and prescribing indicators used by Boards is underway via the Prescribing Advisors group.

A plan will be developed for standardising prescribing guidance and prescribing indicators used within primary care.

### **Website Update**

A SAPG section has now been incorporated into the SMC website and can be accessed via the right hand tab at the top of the page. Minutes, membership, documents, guidance etc will be uploaded.

### **Antibiotic Awareness Campaigns**

- **Scottish Examples**

There are already good pieces of work and leaflets etc highlighting antibiotic awareness. Campaigns need to be repeated every year at the start of the winter involving GP Practices and Community Pharmacies. Larger scale campaigns which involve TV and radio are very expensive and previous experience has proved the impact of such campaigns does not concur with the amount of money being spent.

### **AOCB**

- **Updated PID**

Advised the updated Project Initiation Document (PID) had been included with the papers for information. Following formal approval by SAPG this will be submitted to Scottish Government.

- **Vice Chair of SAPG**

The Chair advised that SMC has two vice chairs to support their work and this format will be used in SAPG, Two vice chairs will be appointed in due course and this will be brought back to a future meeting.

Meeting closed at 16:10.

Date of next meeting, Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2009, Lunch will be provided at 12 noon.