

MILTON KEYNES PRIMARY CARE TRUST Prescribing Group

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Minutes of the Prescribing Group Meeting held on Wednesday 7th March 2012

	Present	Action
	Janet Corbett (Chair) Sarah Whiteman Nigel Fagan Helen Chadwick	Nikki Woodhall Joanne Burgess Maggie Wyke
	Bhervi Patel Tahira Mushtaq Paul Minney	
1.	Introductions	
2.	Apologies for absence	
	Ahmed Nasiri (see 5), Mulukutla Prasad, Amit Karia, Arun Vaidyanathan	
3.	Minutes of last meeting on 11th January 2012	
	The minutes were signed as an accurate record of the meeting.	
4.	Matters Arising	
4.1	Budget setting process	
	JC advised that this had been agreed by the CCG.	
5	GP representative for Prescribing Group	
	Ahmed Nasiri has resigned from the group. Ahmed was thanked for his contribution to the prescribing agenda over the years as a member of Prescribing Group and as Prescribing Lead. This leaves a GP vacancy. In line with the new CCG structure, the group does not have a representative from the East. All to make any recommendations to JC.	All / JC
6	FormularyMK	
	HC advised that this website has now been launched and is accessible by all. It will be updated after each M&TC meeting. The group recorded its thanks to HC and Folake Kufeji for completing this piece of work.	

7	QOF Suggested Targets	
	<p>NW presented this paper for approval. NF asked for clarification of the content of the mandatory antibiotic target. NW agreed to forward this to NF. The paper was approved subject to confirmation of the mandatory target.</p> <p>Post meeting note – this paper was approved.</p> <p>BP noted that some gluten free foods are not available from wholesalers and are therefore subject to high carriage charges. BP agreed to provide HC with a list of easily available GF staple foods. NW agreed to look at the feasibility of including such information on ScriptSwitch.</p>	BP / HC / NW
8.	Guideline in response to UKCMO letter on vitamin D	
	<p>HC presented this paper for approval. For those eligible, vitamins would be available for free via Healthy Start. Calcium and Vitamin D would be prescribed for those at risk of osteoporosis. All other groups in the letter would receive advice to purchase vitamin D over the counter. HC agreed to clarify whether Abidec or Dalivit was preferred.</p> <p>The paper was approved. Post meeting note – choice confirmed as Abidec</p>	HC
9.	Formulary Applications	
9.1	Exenatide SR	
	<p>The numbers in the paper looked small and would be questioned at MTC. Otherwise the group supported the addition to the formulary in line with NICE.</p>	JC / HC
10	Patient Group Directions	
10.1	Adrenaline	
	Approved	
10.2	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, Hib	
	Approved	
10.3	Metronidazole (bites)	
	Approved	
10.4	Oxytetracycline	
	Approved	
10.5	Diazepam (rectal)	
	Approved	
10.6	Aspirin	
	Approved subject to clarification if a patient taking 75mg aspirin daily should be excluded. Post meeting note: confirmed with NICE, Map of Medicine, Prodigy that the only exclusion is allergy to aspirin	
10.7	GTN	
	Approved	

10.8	Benzylicillin	
	Approved	
10.9	COC with Nexplanon	
	Approved	
10.10	Medroxyprogesterone (Established User)	
	Approved	
10.11	Medroxyprogesterone (New User)	
	Approved	
10.12	EHC (levonorgestrel)	
	Approved	
10.13	Evra (Established user)	
	Approved	
10.14	Evra (New user)	
	Approved	
10.15	Progesterone Only Pill (Established User)	
	Approved	
10.16	Progesterone Only Pill (New User)	
	Approved	
11	MK Medicines & Therapeutics Committee Update	
	<p>The group noted the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SCPC Policy 47a – Treatments for erectile dysfunction. The urologists have advised that they will not be following this policy. This has been referred to the Prescribing Forum. GPs were advised to pass unsuitable requests back to the urologists to complete a priorities request. • Mexilitine was added to the formulary for use in myotonia by the neurologists only. There is currently a supply problem with this. • Sandocal 1000 – added to the formulary for hypocalcaemia post thyroidectomy. Usual maximum of 6 weeks. Not to be added to repeat screens. • Sanatogen A-Z complete added to the formulary for use where a complete vitamin and mineral supplement is required. • Entecavir / Tenofovir for hepatitis B added subject to provision of a shared care protocol. • Fluticasone furoate (Avamys) – HC has requested further information on its place in therapy from ENT. • Azathioprine Shared Care Guidelines were approved for use in gastroenterology. These will be placed on FormularyMK when the final versions are received. 	<p>GPs</p> <p>HC</p>
12	Prescribing Forum Update	

	JC advised that a formal prescribing specification had now gone into the MKHFT contract for next year and will be monitored via the Prescribing Forum. This forum will also address inappropriate requests to prescribe made to GPs. GPs were asked to ensure JC receives information about these.	GPs
13	Pharmaceutical Adviser Team Update	
	JC advised that HC is leaving at the end of March to take up a position as Chief Pharmacist with MKCHS. HC was thanked for her contribution to Medicines Management in MK over the last 12 years. JC also noted that the team had lost Laura Lucas and Louise Reynolds (Medicines Management Technicians). As a result the team would be reconfigured to align it with the new CCG structures. Applications to recruit to the vacancies would have to be made to the Cluster. HC requested to still attend Prescribing Group on behalf of MKCHS. This was agreed.	
14.	Professional Issues / Any Other Business	
	None	
	Date of Next Meeting	
	Wednesday 2nd May 2012, 7.30am, Sherwood Place, Boardroom 1	

Minutes approved as an accurate record by:

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Position: Date: