



**NHS BORDERS
AREA DRUG & THERAPEUTICS
COMMITTEE**

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Introduction

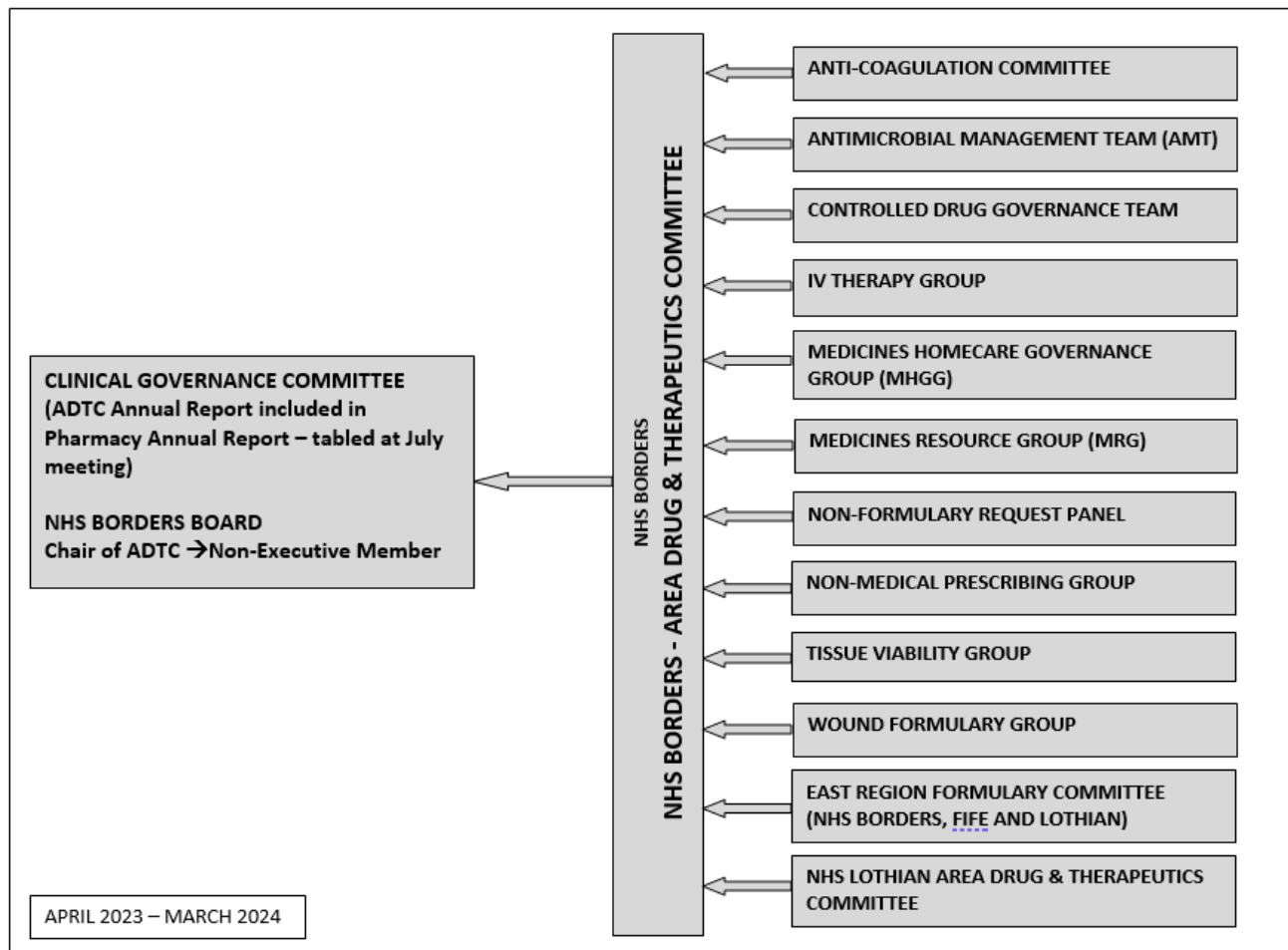
The Area Drug and Therapeutics Committee (ADTC) is a standing committee of NHS Borders Board. Patient Safety is at the heart of all considerations and decisions made by the ADTC and its sub-committees.

Remit

1. To advise and support the strategic direction of all aspects of medicines governance and usage in all care settings ensuring inclusion within wider strategic planning carried out by the NHS Board.
2. To ensure multi-stakeholder engagement and joint working on all medicine related issues within all care settings, including social care settings.
3. To develop and monitor Borders-wide prescribing policies and treatment guidelines to optimise safe and cost-effective use of medicines.
4. To advise, monitor and co-ordinate the development and approval of policies and procedures relating to prescribing, administration and the safe and secure handling of medicines and support NHS Borders Board in meeting its statutory responsibilities in relation to medicines and prescribing.
5. To support NHS Borders Board in the delivery of a comprehensive approach to national policy regarding medicines, linking with Regional and National groups.
6. To oversee the systems for safer medicines use, including SPSP Safer Medicines Group / Medicines Reconciliation
7. To respond to national directives and initiatives related to the use of medicines, in particular that issued by the Scottish Medicines Consortium, Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN), National Institute for Healthcare and Clinical Excellence (NICE),.
8. To ensure systems are in place for the dissemination of information and advice to professional staff, patients and public promoting safe, efficient, and cost-effective use of medicines taking into account current evidence and best practice.
9. To promote seamless care for patients transferring between community and hospital care.
10. To ensure equitable access to medicines through non-medical prescribing and patient group directions.
11. The ADTC provides advice to NHS Borders, and supports the work of the Area Medical Committee, Area Pharmaceutical Committee, Area Nursing and Midwifery Committee and other relevant profession committees.
12. The ADTC supports transition from the Borders Joint Prescribing Formulary and oversees the development and implementation of the East Region Formulary into clinical practice in NHS Borders.

Structure and Organisation

Standing sub committees/groups reporting to the Area Drug and Therapeutics Committee (ADTC) are:-



Minutes from recent meetings of these groups are included in the ADTC agenda.

East Region Formulary Committee and NHS Lothian ADTC are not subcommittees of Borders ADTC. The minutes and decisions of these two committees are noted at NHS Borders ADTC meetings.

ADTC MEMBERSHIP: 2023/24 – NHS BORDERS

Dr Kevin Buchan, Chair (GP; Non-executive Board Member; Chair of Area Clinical Forum)

Dr Edward James, Consultant Microbiologist

Dr Effie Dearden, Consultant Physician DME, BGH

Keith Allan, Vice Chair – Public Health Consultant (until May 2023 meeting)

Dr Sohail Bhatti - Public Health Consultant (from July 2023 meeting)

Dr Nicola Henderson, General Practitioner, Coldstream Medical Practice

(Dr Elliot Longworth, General Practitioner, West Linton Medical Practice as deputy if required)

Alison Wilson, Director of Pharmacy (until September 2023 meeting)

Malcolm Clubb, Lead Pharmacist – Community Pharmacy and Primary Care; then as Director of Pharmacy (from November 2023 meeting)

Cathryn Park, Lead Pharmacist Acute Care & Medicines Governance / Deputy Director of Pharmacy

Keith Maclure, Lead Pharmacist - Medicines Utilisation & Planning

Liz Leitch, Formulary Pharmacist (until September 2023 meeting)

Kyna Harvey, Clinical Pharmacist (from January 2024 meeting)

Rhona Morrison, Lead Nurse Non-Medical Prescribing and Medicines

Andrew Leitch, Lay Member (unable to attend meetings in 2023-24; returning May 2024 meeting)

Kate Warner, Committee Secretariat (PA to Director of Pharmacy)

Schedule of business considered – April 2023 – March 2024

Meeting	Title of Business Discussed
24.05.24	Matters Arising: Community Hospital Discharge Policy
	Non-Formulary Requests ratified: Capsaicin cream; Foscarnet; Modafinil; Psyllium husk; Restylane
	Patient & Medicine Safety: Datix Review Update
	Clinical Policies, Procedures and Guidelines: NHS Borders Endoscopy Anticoagulation Guidelines and Pre- and Post-Procedure Plan for Anticoagulation with Warfarin-bridging Dalteparin Patients with High-Risk Thrombotic Indications; Non-Formulary Request process and form; ADTC Terms of Reference; NHS Borders Steroid Safety Bundle; Update – Targeted Clozapine Escalation; Update – Prophylaxis and Treatment of VTE (Adults); NHS Borders Extravasation non SACT Policy. NHS Borders ADTC Annual Report 2022-23 approved virtually to include in Pharmacy annual report.
	For Information and Noting: East Region Formulary Committee minute; East Region Working Group minute; East Region Formulary chapter updates; BJJ to ERF changes; HEPMA Summary of Progress; MRHA Drug Safety Alerts; Collaborative advice NICE on MTA TA878 casirivimab plus imdevimab, nirmatrelvir plus ritonavir, sotrovimab and tocilizumab for treating COVID-19; ADTCC newsletter March 2023; Minutes from Antimicrobial Management Team, IV Therapy Group; Medicines Resource Group and NHS Lothian ADTC meetings.
	AOCB: ADTC nomination members for PACST2 Panel; Guidance Infliximab (Remsima brand) for Adults within GI Services.
Meeting	Title of Business Discussed
26.07.24	Matters Arising: Review of non-formulary request process; Steroid Safety Bundle
	Non-Formulary Requests ratified: Fortisip; Riboflavin; IVIG; Pancrex v powder.
	Patient & Medicine Safety: Datix Review Update
	Clinical Policies, Procedures and Guidelines: Yellow Fever PGD; NHS Borders Accountable Officer Controlled Drug Governance Annual Report 2022-23; NHS Borders Pharmacy Annual Report 2022-23; Instillagel PGD.
	For Information and Noting: East Region Formulary Committee minute; East Region Working Group minute; East Region Formulary chapter updates; Changes BJJ to ERF; PSS Clinical Guidelines update; MRHA Drug Safety Alert May 2023; ADTCC Newsletter July 2023; SIGN 166 National Clinical Guideline for Stroke for UK & Ireland; NCMAG Quarterly Updates June and July 2023; Minutes from Anti Coagulation Committee, IV Therapy Group, Medicines Resource Group, and NHS Lothian ADTC meetings.
AOCB: None	
Meeting	Title of Business Discussed
27.09.24	Matters Arising: Steroid Safety Bundle update; Instillagel PGD and change log.
	Non-Formulary Requests ratified: IVIG x 3; Botulinum toxin type A x 2
	Patient & Medicine Safety: Datix Review update
	Clinical Policies, Procedures and Guidelines: NHS Borders Thematic Review Jan 2019 – Dec 2022; NHS Borders Non-Medical Prescribing Policy update; Ward based pharmacy roles and update to medicines code; Non-formulary Request Panel Terms of Reference, request form;

	open and transparent decision making and decision making checklist; NHS Borders Analgesic Prescribing compliance with ERF; NHS Borders Joint Prescribing Formulary for Adults – abbreviated drug list; Guidance – administration of Infliximab.
	For Information and Noting: East Region Formulary Committee minute; East Region Working Group minute; East Region Formulary chapter updates; Changes BJB to ERF; NHS Pharmacy First Scotland approved products; NHS Borders Homecare Annual Report; ADTC Collaborative Newsletter Sept 2023; MRHA Drug Safety Update July and August 2023; SCOTCAP – PSS Clinical Guideline update May 2023; Minutes from Anticoagulation Committee, Antimicrobial Management Team, IV Therapy Group and NHS Lothian ADTC meetings.
	AOCB: None
Meeting	Title of Business Discussed
22.11.24	Matters Arising:
	Non-Formulary Requests ratified: Anakinra; Mepacrine; Ostenil; Pigmanorm; Riboflavin; Tocilizumab; Althea feedback.
	Patient & Medicine Safety: Datix Review update
	Clinical Policies, Procedures and Guidelines: Adult Patient Controlled Analgesia (PCA) Pathway; ADTC Review of the Prescribing Bulletin; NHS Borders Symptomatic Relief in Adult Patients Policy; NHS Borders Homecare Medicines Services Policy; Procurement of unlicensed medicines for the Extravasation Policy; Unlicensed Guanfacine.
	For Information and Noting: East Region Formulary Committee minute; East Region Working Group minute; East Region Formulary chapter updates; Minutes from Antimicrobial Management Team; Antimicrobial Workplan 2023-24; IV Therapy Group; Medicines Resource Group and NHS Lothian ADTC meetings.
	AOCB: Lay member appointment
Meeting	Title of Business Discussed
24.01.24	Matters Arising: Lay member update.
	Non-Formulary Requests ratified: Althea update; Dabigatran; Mycophenolate; Pento; Riboflavin.
	Patient & Medicine Safety: Datix Review update
	Clinical Policies, Procedures and Guidelines: NHS Borders Second Checking of Controlled Drugs in Community Hospitals and Mental Health Units; NHS Borders TPN Guideline; NHS Borders Formulary – Oral Nutritional Supplements; SBAR Valproate prescribing; Review of Non-formulary Request paperwork and policy;
	For Information and Noting: SBAR Paramedic exemptions; ADTC Collaborative Newsletter November 2023; National Safety Alerts - Valproate; Minutes from Anticoagulation Committee; Antimicrobial Management Team, IV Therapy Group; East Region Formulary Committee, East Region Working Group and NHS Lothian ADTC meetings.
	AOCB: Request for guest presentation – SMC Chair and Chief Pharmaceutical Advisor – at May meeting; Carbomer eye product alert.
Meeting	Title of Business Discussed
27.03.24	Matters Arising: Letter sent to UK Health Security Agency requesting clarification on terminology and response; letter sent to Medical Director and response.
	Non-Formulary Requests ratified: Ocrelizumab; Co-Enzyme; Dabigatran; Lenvatinib plus pembrolizumab; Sativex; Thalidomide.

	Patient & Medicine Safety: Datix Review update
	Clinical Policies, Procedures and Guidelines: Finerenone Guidelines; Citralock line lock; Asthma and COPD Inhaler choice posters; addition to NHS Borders Code of Practice for the Control of Medicines; Policy for Delegation of Administration of Medicines to Non-Registered Practitioners by Community Nurses in Community Services; Unlicensed Medicine – Hospital Pharmacy Services form update.
	For Information and Noting: NHS Borders Hospital Antimicrobial Point Prevalence Survey 2023; NHS Borders Medication Adverse Events 2023; Minutes from Antimicrobial Management Team, IV Therapy Group; Medicines Resource Group, East Region Formulary Committee, East Region Working Group and NHS Lothian ADTC meetings.
	AOCB: QI update on Medusa folders to QR codes.

Attendance for ADTC during 2023/24

Dates of Meetings						
	24.05.23	26.07.23	27.09.23	22.11.23	24.01.24	27.03.24
Name:						
Dr Kevin Buchan (Chair)	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	-
Dr Edward James	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Dr Effie Dearden	✓	-	✓	✓	-	✓
Dr Nicola Henderson	-	✓	✓		✓	✓
Dr Elliot Longworth	✓			✓		
Keith Allan (PH)	✓					
Dr Sohail Bhatti (PH)		✓	-	-	-	-
Rebecca Devine (PH)			✓	-	-	-
Alison Wilson	✓	✓	✓			
Cathryn Park	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	-
Liz Leitch	✓	✓	✓			
Kyna Harvey					✓	✓
Keith Maclure	-	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Malcolm Clubb	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Rhona Morrison	✓	-	✓	✓	✓	✓
Andrew Leitch	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kate Warner (Minute)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Invited Guests:						
Alex Mundell, Clinical Pharmacist			✓	✓	✓	
Maxine Barron, Clinical Pharmacist				✓		
Kyna Harvey, Clinical Pharmacist				✓		
Oscar Shirlaw, Clinical Pharmacist						✓
Malama Chipepo Sumbwanyambe, Rheumatology Specialist Nurse						✓

There were no declarations of interest at ADTC meetings during 2023/2024.