



**NHS BORDERS  
AREA DRUG & THERAPEUTICS  
COMMITTEE**

**ANNUAL REPORT**

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## Introduction

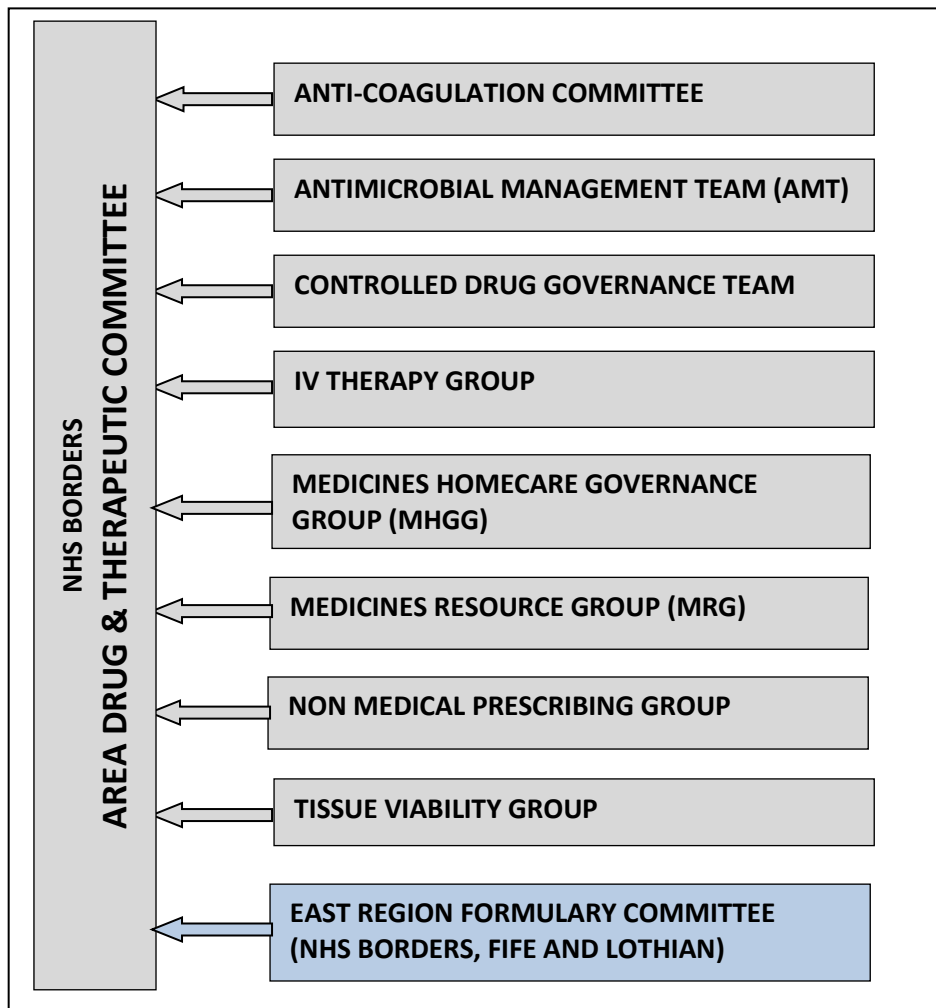
The Area Drug and Therapeutics Committee is a standing committee of NHS Borders Board. Patient Safety is at the heart of all considerations and decisions made by the ADTC and its sub-committees.

## 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.

## **ADTC MEMBERSHIP: 2022/23 – NHS BORDERS**

Alison Wilson, Chair (Director of Pharmacy; Non-executive Board Member; Chair of Area Clinical Forum) until July 2022 meeting

Dr Kevin Buchan, Chair (GP; Non-executive Board Member; Chair of Area Clinical Forum) from September 2022 meeting

Keith Allan, Vice Chair – Public Health Consultant

Dr Edward James, Consultant Microbiologist

Dr Effie Dearden, Consultant Physician DME, BGH

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

Liz Leitch, Formulary Pharmacist

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

Keith Maclure, Lead Pharmacist - Medicines Utilisation & Planning

Adrian Mackenzie, Lead Pharmacist – Community Pharmacy until July 2022 meeting

Malcolm Clubb, Lead Pharmacist – Community Pharmacy and Primary Care from September 2022 meeting

Rhona Morrison, Lead Nurse Non-Medical Prescribing and Medicines

Andrew Leitch, Lay member (nominated by the Patient & Public Forum)

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

## Schedule of business considered – April 2022 – March 2023

Meeting	Title of Business Discussed
25.05.22	Matters Arising: Response to request for patient progress measure – previous application.
	Non Formulary Requests: Amjevita April; IVG April; IVG May; Solgar Physillium April; Solgar Physillium May; Pilocarpine April
	Patient & Medicine Safety: Datix Review
	Clinical Policies, Procedures and Guidelines: Borders Eye Centre PSDs; Multidisciplinary Team Immunoglobulin Assessment Form; Formulary update – Galcanezumab; Update to Non Formulary Request Form; New Abbreviated NHS Borders Joint Formulary Chart; Sapropterin – treatment of phenylketonuria.
	For Information and Noting: East Region Formulary Committee minute; East Region Working Group minute; East Region Formulary chapter updates; updated Dental Chapter for Borders Joint Formulary; Patient Access Scheme confidentiality reminder; Updates for Healthcare Professionals; Minute from Antimicrobial Management Team, Medicines Resource Group and NHS Lothian ADTC meetings.
	AOCB: ULM Alteplase
Meeting	Title of Business Discussed
27.07.22	Matters Arising: SCA approval in NHS Borders
	Non Formulary Requests: Gentamicin cream, June; Solgar Psyllium, July; Ryego, July; IVIG, July.
	Patient & Medicine Safety: No update
	Clinical Policies, Procedures and Guidelines: Paxlovid approval for ERFC; Physical Health Monitoring – Antipsychotics and Lithium; Ward Medicine Charts; NHS Borders Accountable Officer Controlled Drugs Annual Report 2021-22; NHS Borders Homecare Annual Report 2021-22; NHS Borders Pharmacy Report 2021-22; NHS Borders Anti-emetic Reference Guideline; SBAR Assessment of SMC not recommended.
	For Information and Noting: East Region Formulary Committee minute; East Region Working Group minute; East Region Formulary chapter updates; Changes BJF to ERF; Guidance for Repurposing Prescription Only Medicines in Care Homes and Hospices during Covid-19 pandemic; Pavlivizumab – RSV; Parenteral Antimicrobial Therapy Skin and Soft Tissue pathway (SAPG); Minute from Anti Coagulation Committee, Antimicrobial Management Team, Medicines Resource Group, and NHS Lothian ADTC meetings.
	AOCB: Alendronic Acid shortages
Meeting	Title of Business Discussed
28.09.22	Matters Arising: Shared Care Agreement Process; Ward Medicine Charts
	Non Formulary Requests: Psyllium Husk –no approvals to be made in future
	Patient & Medicine Safety: Datix Review update
	Clinical Policies, Procedures and Guidelines: NHS Borders Clozapine Handbook;' Patient Group Directions Policy; NHS Borders Code of Medicines & Controlled Drug

	Policy
	For Information and Noting: HEPMA update; East Region Formulary Committee minute; East Region Working Group minute; East Region Formulary chapter updates; Changes BJJ to ERF; MRHA Drug Safety Update Topiramate; ADTC Collaborative Newsletter August 2022; Sapropterin – phenylketonuria; Minute from Antimicrobial Team, IV Therapy Group and Medicines Resource Group meetings.
	AOCB: None
<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Title of Business Discussed</b>
<b>23.11.22</b>	Matters Arising: NHS Borders Community Hospital Discharge Policy
	Non Formulary Requests: IM Clozapine
	Patient & Medicine Safety: Datix Review update
	Clinical Policies, Procedures and Guidelines: Abiraterone use at BGH; Sodium zirconium cyclosilicate (Lokelma); NHS Scotland Climate Emergency and Sustainability Strategy 2022; NHS Borders Out Patient Antimicrobial Therapy SBAR;
	For Information and Noting: East Region Formulary Committee minute; East Region Working Group minute; East Region Formulary chapter updates; East Region Formulary Workshop update; Right Decision Service; Yellow Card Annual Report 2021-22; Minute from Anti Coagulation Committee, Medicines Resource Group and NHS Lothian ADTC meetings.
	AOCB: None
<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Title of Business Discussed</b>
<b>25.01.23</b>	Matters Arising: NHS Borders Community Hospital Discharge Policy
	Non Formulary Requests: IVIG grey; Galcanezumab; Streptomycin
	Patient & Medicine Safety: Datix Review update
	Clinical Policies, Procedures and Guidelines: NHS Borders Code of Medicines & Controlled Drug Policy; NHS Borders flowchart for Medicines Applications; Shared Care Agreement process; Guidance for Management of Elective Alcohol Detoxification Admissions to Huntlyburn Ward; PACS T2 National Review Panel representatives.
	For Information and Noting: East Region Formulary Committee minute; East Region Working Group minute; East Region Formulary chapter updates; HEPMA update; Minutes from Antimicrobial Management Team and NHS Lothian ADTC meetings.
	AOCB: None
<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Title of Business Discussed</b>
<b>22.03.23</b>	Matters Arising: NHS Borders Community Hospital Discharge Policy; Non Formulary Request process; Right Decision Service
	Non Formulary Requests: Sativex; Cidofovir; Pegcetacoplan; Mitoxantrone
	Patient & Medicine Safety: Datix Review update
	Clinical Policies, Procedures and Guidelines: Adult Patient Controlled Analgesia (PCA) Pathway
	For Information and Noting: East Region Formulary Committee minute; East Region Working Group minute; East Region Formulary chapter updates; HEPMA update; ADTC

	Collaborative Newsletter March 2023; Minutes from Anticoagulation Committee; Antimicrobial Team; Medicines Resource Group and NHS Lothian ADTC meetings.
	AOCB: None

## Attendance for ADTC during 2022/23

Dates of Meetings						
	25.05.22	27.07.22	28.09.22	23.11.22	25.01.23	22.03.23
Name						
Alison Wilson	✓	✓	✓	-	-	✓
Dr Kevin Buchan			✓	✓	✓	✓
Dr Edward James		✓	✓	✓	✓	-
Dr Effie Dearden	-	-	✓	-	-	-
Dr Nicola Henderson	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Keith Allan		✓	✓	✓	-	-
Cathryn Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓
Liz Leitch	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Keith Maclure	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Adrian Mackenzie	-	-				
Malcolm Clubb			✓	✓	-	✓
Rhona Morrison	✓	-	✓	✓	-	✓
Andrew Leitch	✓	✓		✓	✓	-
Kate Warner (Minute)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Invited Guests:						
Dr L Tan	✓					
Anna Fenech	✓					
Andrew Crawford	✓					
Katie Aitken	✓					
Eileen Nicol	✓					
Nathan Richardson-Read		✓				
Anna Fenech		✓				
Dr Victoria Stewart		✓				
Kirsten Thomson			✓			
Rebekka Mitchell			✓			
Dr Shona Smith						✓

There were no declarations of interest at ADTC meetings during 2022/23.