

Prescribing and Formulary Panel

Minutes of the meeting held on July 13th 2021 at the Oak MDT Room, PEH

Present

Geraldine O’Riordan, Prescribing Advisor and Chair (GOR)

Douglas Wilson, Queens Road Medical Practice (DW)

Janine Clarke, Pharmacy Manager, HSC (JC)

Peter Gomes, Medical Specialist Group (PG)

Beverley Hall, Chief Pharmacist States of Guernsey (BH)

Apologies

Hamish Duncan, Medical Specialist Group (HD) Mike McCarthy, Healthcare Group (MMC), Paul Williams, Island Health (PH)

Absent

Nikki Brink, States-Employed Doctors and DPH (NB)

Tom Saunders, Medical Specialist Group (HD)

1: Minutes

The draft minutes of the June 2021 meeting were approved.

2. New Drugs

The following products were considered

- **Transanal Irrigation Products**

After a discussion it was agreed to recommend the products requested.

- **Ranolazine**

There was a lengthy discussion about the evidence to support this drug. It was noted that the outcome data trial, which reported in 2016, unfortunately did not show any statistically-significant benefit. The NICE Guidance on stable angina, recommends one or two of 8 other angina drugs, all of which are approved. It was further noted that ranolazine is licensed for stable angina only. Despite an extensive literature search, no data on this drug’s effect on reducing rates of hospitalisations was found. The decision to decline was unanimous.

Actions: GOR

2. Matters Arising

New NICE TA drugs

These were noted by members.

4. Prescribing Support Unit Annual Report 2020

GOR expressed appreciation to colleagues in the prescribing organisations for their continued work in delivering the pharmaceutical service during an extremely challenging year. Of note was the continued decline in the prescribing of antibacterials, opioids and hypnotics and analgesics. The total drug costs rose, before rebates and discounts, by 5% but this was reduced to a 1% increase by prescribing efficiencies and rebates on drugs dispensed in the community. Costs were further reduced, but by an unknown amount, by significant NHS discounts to CfHSC on the cost of specialist drugs, prescribed to outpatients, sourced via the NHS supply chain and PAS agreements.

3. Any other business

Cost-neutral addition of oxycodone 15mg MR tablets, as opposed to 1 x 10mg MR tablet and 1x 5 mg MR tablet.

4: Date of next meeting: Tuesday August 3rd 2021 at 5pm in the Oak MDT Room, Princess Elizabeth Hospital