

Notes of: Meeting of the Northern and Eastern Devon Formulary Interface Group
Thursday 24rd July 2014: 9:00am – 11:00am. Castle Place Surgery, Tiverton

Present	Tawfique Daneshmend (TD) - Consultant Gastroenterologist - Chair	RD&E
	Hugh Savill (HS) – GP, Castle Place Surgery, Chair	NEW Devon CCG
	Gareth Franklin (GF) – Clinical Guidance Manager	NEW Devon CCG
	Emma Hewitt (EH) – Joint Formularies Pharmacist	NEW Devon CCG
	Petrina Truman (PT) – Joint Formularies Pharmacist	NEW Devon CCG
	Carol Webb (CW) – Joint Formularies Technician	NEW Devon CCG
	Darunee Whiting (DW) – GP, Northam Surgery	NEW Devon CCG
	Simon Kay (SK) – GP, Haldon House Surgery	NEW Devon CCG
	Iain Carr (IC) – Medicines Optimisation Pharmacist	NEW Devon CCG
	Carole Knight (CK) – Formulary Pharmacist	NDDH
	Stuart Kyle (SKy) – DTC Chair / Consultant Rheumatologist	NDDH
	Niall Ferguson (NF) - Director of Pharmacy	NDDH
	Sam Smith (SS) – Locality Medicines Optimisation Pharmacist	NEW Devon CCG
	Carl Peacock (CP) – Medicines Optimisation Pharmacist	NEW Devon CCG
In attendance	Maria Phillips – Medicines Optimisation Technician	NEW Devon CCG
Apologies	Ali Hodgetts (AH) – Clinical Pharmacy Manager	RD&E
	Carol Albury (CA) - Locality Medicines Optimisation Pharmacist	NEW Devon CCG
	Susie Harris (SHa) – Consultant, Elderly Care	RD&E
	Matt King (MK) – GP, Coleridge Medical Centre	NEW Devon CCG
	Andrew Harrison (AH) – GP, The South Lawn Medical Practice	NEW Devon CCG
	Beverly Baker (BB) – Non Medical Prescribing Lead	NEW Devon CCG
	1. Welcome and Apologies – noted above	
	2. Notes of previous meeting: The notes of the meeting of 25 th June 2014 were agreed.	
	Action list from the previous minutes, not on the agenda	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Osteoporosis: Testing for vitamin D deficiency, guidance given to GPs needs to be clear. There was discussion around the availability of high strength vitamin D preparation. • Hylocare®: The consultant has been written to, as yet no reply • MI, triple therapy: This piece of work is going to be looked at Devon-wide through both formularies 	
	3. Atrial fibrillation – updated formulary guidance	
	NICE CG180 on the management of atrial fibrillation was published in June 2014. EH outlined the updated formulary guidance in line with the NICE.	
	Diagnosis and identification: there was general discussion about taking opportunities to identify patients. It was suggested that thyroid disease be added to the list of risk factors.	
	Assessment of stroke and bleed risk: in the section on the HAS-BLED score, it was asked if the type of stroke could be defined	
	Anticoagulation: There was discussion regarding the use of NOACs as opposed to warfarin. It	

was asked that a note be put in to check the patient is compliant with taking warfarin before considering a switch to a NOAC

Rate or rhythm control:

Action: to ask the cardiologists which patients would be suitable for ablation and which patients should be seen in secondary care

4. **MCQ – AF**

This quiz is going to be included in the formulary.

5. **Dates of future meetings**

Meetings are now scheduled for every 6 weeks

The chairmanship of the meetings was discussed. TD is happy to chair the meeting for the next 18 months if needed, but feels that the chair should really be a GP. HS informed the meeting he is retiring in March. The suggestion was made that when a replacement for his position is found it may be suitable to have someone who would be willing to chair the meeting. Members of the meeting were asked to email HS with any suggested GPs.

6. **Recent drugs decisions:** These were noted

7. **MHRA Drug Safety Update, June:**

This was noted

Any other business

As this was Gareth's last formulary meeting he was thanked for all the input he has had in bringing the formulary to the position it is today. Moving it from paper book to a fully functioning website and app.

Next meeting: Thursday 11th September 2014 Old Heathcoat School, Tiverton EX16 5JJ

Northern & Eastern Formulary – Action Log

Date	Action	Responsible
Feb 14	Chapter 2 Cardiology <ul style="list-style-type: none"> List of the hospital only specials to be checked to ensure they are still required in the formulary 	GF
April 14	Osteoporosis <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Revised osteoporosis guidance to come to future meeting 	GF
June 14	Atrial fibrillation – updated formulary guidance Rate or rhythm control: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To ask the cardiologists which patients would be suitable for ablation and which patients should be seen in secondary care 	TD/EH