WIGAN BOROUGH CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP

CLINICAL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 20 NOVEMBER 2013

MEDICINES MANAGEMENT- PEER REVIEWS

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 This report is to inform the Clinical Governance Committee of the outcome of the peer review process carried out with all Practices in the CCG in 2013/14.

2. Background

2.1 Following the success of the locality prescribing peer review meetings in previous years the CCG agreed that the Single Commissioning Engagement and Out-turn Scheme (SCEOS) would provide funding for Practices to attend an annual prescribing peer review meeting this year to continue this process.

3. Process

3.1 All Practices were written to in May 2013 to invite them to attend a locality prescribing peer review. Each practice was required to send at least one Prescriber and the Practice Manager or their deputy to receive payment under SCEOS. Meetings were arranged and booked by the Locality Executive Support Officers on behalf of the Medicines Management Team. The meetings were held in July and August to allow Practices time within the financial year to work on their selected areas

3.2 The Locality Prescribing Clinical Champions who sit on the Medicines Management Group (MMG) facilitated the peer review meetings along with the CCG Senior Medicines Management Team. Each meeting was attended by between 5 and 8 Practices and in total there were 11 peer review meetings at various locations across the CCG. 64 Practices sent both a Prescriber and the Practice Manager (or deputy) to a peer review (98.5%). One Practice sent the Practice Manager but failed to send a Prescriber. This Practice will not receive payment under SCEOS and non-attendance has been discussed with the Practice by the Executive Lead for Medicines Management.

3.3 Prior to the meeting each Practice was supplied with a package of prescribing information to allow them to individually conduct a prescribing review. The prescribing information was selected by the MMG from the National Quality, Innovation, Productivity and Prevention (QIPP) Indicators for prescribing produced by NICE and Greater Manchester QIPP prescribing indicators. The baseline data provided was for the period January to March 2013.

3.4 The prescribing information supplied covered:

- Antibiotics - cephalosporins and quinolones
- Antibiotics - overall items
- Blood glucose monitoring strips
- Enteral feeds
- Ezetimibe
- Hypnotics
- Hypoglycaemic agents
- Inhaled corticosteroids
- NSAIDs

3.5 The data presented was colour coded in blue and green.

- Blue - significant opportunity for improvement in prescribing quality and productivity.
- Green - limited opportunity for improvement in prescribing quality and productivity.

3.6 The Agenda covered:-

- A description of the purpose of the meeting
- A summary of the achievements in prescribing from the previous year with reference to the Regional Drug & Therapeutics Centre (Newcastle) Annual Performance Summary
- Where the CCG currently is with regards to prescribing in relation to other CCGs in the North West with reference to the Regional Drug & Therapeutics Centre (Newcastle) Annual Performance Summary
- How indicators had been selected with reference to the NICE Medicines management options for local implementation document
- A detailed discussion of the prescribing data with reference to the Practices in attendance at the meeting and the Locality as a whole
- The requirements for practices with regards to selecting areas to work on over the rest of the year
- Paperwork to be submitted to the CCG and support the CCG will provide
- Wigan Borough CCG Guidelines for Prescribing and Repeat Prescribing

4 Outcomes – Prescribing Review

4.1 The peer review meetings allowed peer to peer challenge, debate and discussion on target prescribing areas and all Practices attending the meetings took an active part in the discussions. Best practice was shared between the Clinicians on how to make the appropriate prescribing changes to allow the CCG to achieve its Medicines Management QIPP plan.

4.2 Following the meetings all Practices agreed three actions related to prescribing with the CCG and submitted the required documentation within the agreed timeframe. This includes the Practice which did not send a Prescriber to the meetings. When selecting areas Practices were required to select blue areas. Due to current rates of C. *difficile* across the CCG any Practice identified as blue for either aspect of antibiotic prescribing was required to select this as an area to work on as required by the CCG Primary Care Programme of Work for the Management of Healthcare Acquired Infections (HCAIS). If Practices had less than 3 blue rated areas they were required to select all the blue rated areas they had but were then allowed to select any prescribing area (including non QIPP areas). The recording process ensured that these requirements for selecting areas were followed. All Practices are now in the process of reviewing their chosen prescribing area with the support of the Medicines Management Team.

Table 1 lists the areas selected for review by the 65 Practices at accumulated CCG level. Appendix 1 lists the areas selected at Practice level.

Table 1 - Selected Prescribing Areas at CCG Level

Prescribing Area	Number of Practices	Prescribing Area	Number of Practices
Antibiotics - Cephalosporins and Quinolones	22	Hypoglycaemic agents	14
Antibiotics - overall items	36	Hypnotics	10
Blood glucose monitoring strips	7	Inhaled corticosteroids	16
Enteral feeds	22	NSAIDs	30
Ezetimibe	29	Other area	7

5 Outcomes - Wigan Borough CCG Guidelines for Prescribing and Repeat Prescribing

5.1 The CCG 'Guidelines for Prescribing and Repeat Prescribing' were discussed at the peer review meetings. Practices were informed that the intention of this document is to provide general guidance on prescribing (section A) and the operation of repeat prescribing systems within Practice (section B). It also includes guidance on how pharmacy and appliance contractors should operate when ordering on behalf of patients and the systems care homes should follow when ordering medication. Section A is aimed at Prescribers and Practice Managers and has been included in response to the queries regularly received by the Medicines Management Team from Practices. This information should help Practices to deal with some of the more commonly asked questions. Section B is aimed at at all Practice staff dealing with repeat requests on a regular basis and should support Practices in the development and operation of robust repeat prescribing procedures. Implementation of the guidance is optional and Practices should select those areas which they feel are appropriate. Implementation of this guidance will support practices to manage their repeats which will help to control item growth and reduce wastage. Practices were advised that the Medicines Management Technicians would support Practices with the implementation of any areas selected. The guidance will be issued to all GP Practices and Pharmacies within the borough. At the request of the Clinical Champions it will also be supplied to Bridgewater and WWL. It will also be supplied to anyone else identified by the Practices eg pharmacies outside of the CCG or care homes. At the time of the peer review meetings this guidance was in draft format, it was approved by the MMG on 23 October 2013 within the CCG and is being distributed to all Practices and Pharmacies by the Medicines Management Team.

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Appendix 1 - Chosen areas at Practice Level

GP Practice	NSAIDS	Hypoglycaemic Agents	Antibiotics - Overall items	Hypnotics	Enteral Feeds	Inhaled Corticosteriods	Blood Glucose Monitoring Strips	Ezetimibe	Antibiotics - cephalosprins and quinolones	Non QIPP	Non QIPP	Non QIPP
ATHERLEIGH												
Dr Spielmann & Partners	✓				✓	✓						
Brookmill Medical Centre			✓				✓	✓				
Dr Trivedi & Trivedi			✓					✓	✓			
Lilford Park Surgery	✓				✓			✓				
Dr MPH Doublet-Stewart	✓				✓		✓					
Dr SM Martin		✓			✓				✓			
Dr BH Esa			✓			✓	✓					
Dr Sharma & Ghosh					✓			✓		Unlicenced Products		
Premier Health Team	✓		✓		✓							
Dr HLA Maung Maung			✓					✓	✓			
Dr JI Lewis	✓		✓					✓				
Dr Vasanth & Seshappa					✓			✓	✓			
Dr DN Das		✓				✓		✓				
NORTH WIGAN												
Beech Hill Medical Practice	✓		✓					✓				
Standish Medical Practice	✓				✓					Tramadol		
Pennygate Medical Centre						✓		✓	✓			
Dr Munro & Partners						✓			✓	Orlistat		

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PATIENT FOCUS												
Dr Sharma & Partners		✓			✓			✓				
Dr Ninan & Partners			✓					✓	✓			
Dr Z Zaman				✓	✓	✓						
Dr Ahmad & Partners			✓					✓	✓			
Dr Russell & Partners	✓				✓	✓						
Dr Ashworth & Partners	✓		✓						✓			
The Foxleigh Family Surgery			✓					✓	✓			
Marus Bridge Practice	✓			✓		✓						
Dr A Ollerton	✓		✓						✓			
Dr TM Dalton	✓	✓				✓						
Dr K Gupta					✓	✓		✓				
TABA												
Dr Sivakumar & Partner					✓			✓	✓			
Elliot Street Surgery			✓		✓			✓				
Dr CP Khatri	✓				✓		✓					
Dr JC Thompson	✓		✓					✓				
Dr R Anderson & Dr M Ahmed			✓					✓	✓			
Dr AK & N Atrey										Erectile Dysfunction	Gluten Free	Management Of Osteoarthritis
Dr N Hatikakoty	✓	✓	✓									

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Astley General Practice		✓	✓				✓					
Dr K Khatri		✓					✓	✓				
Intrahealth Tyldesley			✓					✓	✓			
Leigh Family Practice			✓	✓					✓			
Intrahealth Family Practice		✓	✓					✓				
Intrahealth LSV	✓	✓	✓									
ULC												
Braithwaite Surgery	✓		✓					✓				
Dr Anis & Anis	✓	✓						✓				
Dr M Ullah	✓		✓					✓				
Dr L Saxena	✓	✓			✓							
Dr SK Pitalia			✓					✓	✓			
Ince Surgery	✓		✓	✓								
Lower Ince Surgery	✓			✓						Erectile Dysfunction		
Dr D & M Pal	✓	✓		✓								
Dr SS Shahbazi			✓		✓				✓			
Dr VK Bajaj		✓			✓	✓						
Dr CA Xavier			✓			✓			✓			

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WCC												
The Dicconson Group Practice	✓		✓		✓							
Dr Suntha & Partners	✓		✓			✓						
Dr Smith & Partners	✓		✓						✓			
Dr Lyons & Partners	✓			✓					✓			
Pemberton Surgery			✓		✓	✓						
Drs D'arifat, Elislam, Wan & Shaikh	✓		✓						✓			
Dr Patel, Kamath & Partners			✓					✓				
Dr J Seabrook	✓			✓						TBA		
Dr Ellis & Kreppel	✓				✓		✓					
Dr ART Thompson					✓	✓		✓				
Intrahealth Platt Bridge		✓	✓					✓				
Dr Alistair Ashton	✓		✓						✓			
Intrahealth Marsh Green			✓	✓		✓						