

SLCSN PHARMACY WORKING GROUP

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Aim

The SLCSN Pharmacy Working Group aims to provide a forum for clinical engagement and debate to ensure consistent, cost effective prescribing for the benefit of cardiovascular patients in both primary and secondary care across South London.

Objectives

1. To bring together, cardiac and stroke pharmacists from business support units (BSUs) and borough teams, Clinical Commissioning Groups, acute care and the community across South London to identify and explore cardiovascular prescribing issues
2. To promote consistent approaches to, and implementation of, evidence-based prescribing guidelines for cardiovascular disease in South London taking into account clinical effectiveness and affordability within the local health economy
3. To maintain effective links and representation with the borough medicines management groups, local formulary committees and other relevant prescribing networks and forums to share information and avoid duplication of effort
4. To support the work of the SLCSN work streams through the development of relevant prescribing guidelines and provision of education
5. To develop and present recommendations through a consensus approach for approval by the Cardiovascular Prescribing Forum
6. To act as a resource to South London Pharmacy Network, borough medicines management groups, formulary committees and other relevant prescribing networks and forums
7. To report to the SLCSN Development Boards and cardiovascular work streams as required

Membership

- Specialist stroke pharmacists
- Specialist cardiac pharmacists
- SLCSN
- Hospital pharmacists
- Community pharmacists
- Primary care medicine management representatives

The Pharmacy Working Group will co-opt other members as appropriate to the agenda / work plan. Guests may also be invited to attend meetings. All proposals for co-options or guest attendance will be made through the chair and agreed by the membership. The Cardiovascular Prescribing Forum will also develop links with general medicine to facilitate joint working, particularly for those patients with co-morbidities such as diabetes, kidney and peripheral vascular disease.

Accountability

Helen Williams, Consultant Pharmacist for CVD, South London will chair the CPF. A co-chair will be rotated on an annual basis.

Meetings

Meetings take place every four to six weeks (more frequently, if required) at a time and venue agreed by the members. Administrative support will be provided by the SLCSN.

Work plan

The work plan for 2011/12 includes:

- Primary and secondary prevention lipid guidance and FAQs
- Stroke and TIA prevention and the use of warfarin and new oral anticoagulant in AF patients
- Hypertension
- Thrombolysis in acute stroke
- Prasugrel
- Ivabradine in chronic heart failure
- Ticagrelor
- Dronedarone

Links

The Pharmacy Working Group will maintain links with:

- NHS London
- South London clusters
- SL Cardiovascular Prescribing Forum
- SL Pharmacy Working Group
- SL Pharmacy Network
- BSU/Borough medicines management groups
- Local formulary committees
- Local pharmaceutical committees
- Local medical committees
- SLCSN work streams (including Heart Failure, Arrhythmias and Prevention, where prescribing issues are of particular importance)
- London Cardiac and Stroke Networks
- Others as appropriate

Outcomes

The Pharmacy Working Group will:

- Enable exploration of cardiovascular prescribing issues across the whole patient pathway
- Ensure clinical engagement in the issues of cardiovascular prescribing in South London
- Facilitate a consistent approach to the implementation of evidence-based prescribing guidelines for cardiac patients
- Provide a source of consensus clinical opinion on equitable, and clinical and cost effective prescribing for the benefit of cardiovascular patients

Outputs

The Cardiovascular Prescribing Forum will:

- Agree terms of reference, membership and a work plan
- Hold meetings on a regular basis bringing together a broad membership
- Address issues in cardiovascular prescribing from relevant stakeholders, take direction from the Chair and the SLCSN Cardiovascular Prescribing Forum
- Produce minutes of meetings to be circulated to members, key links
- Produce recommendations to the SLCSN Development Board as appropriate
- Produce information and support clinicians in implementing clinical and cost effective prescribing.

Review

The Cardiovascular Prescribing Forum will review its terms of reference, membership and work plan annually.

Agreed at meeting: 2nd November 2011

Review date: November 2012

SLCSN Pharmacy Working Group terms of reference

Agreed November 2011