

Chelsea and Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust Medicines Committee

Summary of Main Points from the Meeting held on the 12th of July 2010

2. Minutes and Summary Notes from last meeting

The Minutes and Summary notes were approved with minor amendments.

3. Matters Arising

- i) Additional comments to be added to Guidance on the use of Payment by Results excluded drugs and Pharmacoeconomic Board to clarify that PCTs must receive 'short form' applications prior to treatment unless the request is urgent; what to do in the case of an urgent 'short form' request and what to do in the case of an 'exceptional circumstances' request.

4. New Medicines Applications

Formulary Application

- **Fondaparinux. Indication:** Licensed **Decision:** Approved **Tariff:** Included
- **Truvada Indication:** Licensed **Decision:** Approved **Tariff:** Excluded (Long form)
- **Aprepitant Indication:** Licensed **Decision:** Approved **Tariff:** Included
- **Abatacept Indication:** Licensed **Decision:** Approved **Tariff:** Excluded
- **Pegfilgrastim Indication:** Licensed **Decision:** Approved **Tariff:** Excluded (no form)

Individual Funding Requests - Nil

5. Medicines Policy Updates

The committee approved three updates to the medicines policy in light of the new Department of Health issued guidance on Midwife exemptions and to ensure compliance with the NPSA Injectable alert.

- a) Appendix: Injectable Policy
- b) Process for Adoption of New Medicines
- c) *Section 2 – Prescribing*

6. Items for approval

- a) Electrolyte Correction Treatment Guidelines

7. NICE

There was one technology appraisal in June 2010 which was noted by the committee;

- a) TAG 190: Pemetrexed for the maintenance treatment of non-small cell lung cancer
Since Pemetrexed is already on the formulary it was agreed that the information on restricted use will now be updated to 'in line with NICE guidance'

8. IVIG Update

The committee approved the 18 requests in June 2010; there were 14 applications for red indications, 2 for blue indications and two for grey indications.

9. NPSA

The group reviewed the completed action plan NPSA alert 2010/RRR006 on Oxygen Safety in hospital. The committee also noted the NPSA Rapid Response alert on Safer Administration of insulin.

10. Items for Noting

- CD Quarterly Report
- Cancer Short Forms
- North West London Sector Prescribing Policy & Red List

11. Papers to go to the Trust Executive Quality Committee

The following papers should be sent to the Trust Executive Team – Quality Committee:

- Medicines Committee Summary Notes May 2010
- Medicines Committee Terms of Reference

Date of the next meeting

Monday 13th of September 2010, 08.00 to 09.00, Board Room

Closing date for papers: Friday 20th of August 2010