

**Primary Care Co-Commissioning Committee
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Agenda item 8

**NHS Castle Point, Rochford and Southend CCG
Draft Terms of Reference – Drugs and Therapeutics Committee**

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Date:

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Appendices to this report	
Appendix 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None
Associated Papers	
Papers previously considered by this CCG	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Previous Drugs and Therapeutics Terms of Reference 2015
CCG Policy Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Previous Drugs and Therapeutics Terms of Reference 2015
External Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None

Executive Summary

1. Summary of the report

The Drugs and Therapeutics Committee is the committee with overarching responsibility for prescribing, therapeutics and medicines management across Castle Point, Rochford and Southend CCGs.

The Drugs and Therapeutics Committee has been set up to support collaborative working and decision making that improves health outcomes for the patients and public in Castle Point, Rochford and Southend CCGs, including Benfleet, Rayleigh & District, Canvey, Rochford, West Leigh, West Central, North Road Plus, Southend East and Southend Central Primary Care Networks.

Objectives:

1. To establish a performance indicator framework for prescribing, in order to be able to monitor qualitative and quantitative patterns of prescribing within the CCG, allowing for emerging trends in drug usage, to identify potential cost pressures, and to confirm that progress is being made towards local and national standards
2. To be aware of the need to consider patient/public opinion and identify when consultation is required and included in decision making.
3. To identify prescribing related issues within national policy documents, and to advise the CCGs on strategies for implementing these at a local level (may require liaison with other CCG bodies, e.g. Quality Committee).
4. To consider the supply and use of medicines, and to develop innovative proposals for new ways of working that could improve patient care, reduce wastage and/or reduce the risk of adverse events related to medication.
5. To receive reports on QIPP, primary care prescribing performance and trends, budgetary and financial performance, the Prescribing Incentive Scheme and medicines safety on a monthly basis.
6. To ratify or validate recommendations from the South Essex Medicines Management Committee, EPUT, NELFT and others as relevant, e.g. East of England Priorities Advisory Committee and the Regional Medicines Optimisation Committee (RMOC)
7. To consider use of new drugs or new indications and amend formulary/Traffic lights as appropriate.
8. To ensure consistency of prescribing policies across the South East Essex health economy
9. To undertake horizon scanning and to advise on the managed entry of new drugs (and indications) or devices to the CCG.
10. To promulgate information on medicines and prescribing within the CCG through recognised CCG media.
11. To consider and make a decision on propositions in relation to pharmaceutical industry

rebates as per CCG policies.

12. To undertake other activities as required by the CCG, e.g. policy relating from NICE Technology Appraisals and other NICE publications, MHRA etc
13. To champion good antimicrobial stewardship across the South East Essex health economy
14. To give initial consideration to interface issues with a view to local resolution before onward referral to the South East Essex Medicines Management Committee, EPUT, NELFT etc.
15. Input into all service/pathway redesign where appropriate.
16. To advise the CCG on the setting and management of the primary care prescribing budget.

To review and agree any policy/guidance that contains reference to medicines prior to it being circulated to practices or posted online.

The attached Terms of Reference has been updated to reflect the committee's current functions and improve governance.

The Drugs and Therapeutics Committee will have all decisions ratified by the PCCC before implementation.

2. Recommendations

The Primary Care Co-Commissioning Committee are asked to agree:

- To approve the updated Drugs and Therapeutics Committee Terms of Reference, all decisions will be ratified by PCCC before implementation.