

## **Notes for flowcharts of the formulary process for drugs considered by SMC, HTBS and NICE in NHS Western Isles**

### **Formulary process for new medicines, formulations and indications launched prior to the formation of SMC.**

1. Such drugs may not automatically be considered by the ADTC. Therefore if a prescriber<sup>1</sup> wishes a drug to be considered for addition to the formulary he should communicate with ADTC and submit a Formulary Request Form<sup>2</sup>.
2. The ADTC may wish to consult with other prescribers to elicit wider views on the place of a drug in therapy.
3. The ADTC will base its decision on clinical evidence.
4. The ADTC considers cost effectiveness in its deliberations but does not have a direct link to fund the decisions. Funding implications of any ADTC advice will need to be addressed by CHP and Hospital service managers in the budgeting process.
5. The submitting prescriber has a right to appeal a decision made by the ADTC. The ADTC will take advice from other NHS Boards as to the place of a drug in other Boards' formularies to ensure that the appeal process is transparent. The prescriber should include in any appeal the reasoning behind why the appeal is being made and provide any additional evidence that he feels is required.

### **Formulary process for new medicines, formulations and indications launched after the formation of SMC.**

1. All guidance issued by the SMC will automatically be considered by the ADTC.
2. The ADTC may consult with prescribers to elicit advice about the place of the drug in therapy in the Western Isles if there is no proactive request from a prescriber to include the drug in the formulary.
3. Where a drug has not been recommended for use by the SMC the ADTC will not add it to the formulary.
4. Unique drugs must be implemented by NHS Boards according to implementation plans developed by the Scottish Executive and NHS Board Chief Executives. Unique drugs will be added to the formulary as per the SMC recommendation e.g. for use by specialists only etc.
5. The ADTC will inform CHP and Hospital Managers of the requirement to include expensive unique drugs in the WI formulary after the SMC has published its guidance. The use of unique drugs will need to be considered by CHP and Hospital managers for the budget planning process.

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<sup>1</sup> Prescriber- doctor, pharmacist, nurse, dentist or any other valid class of prescriber under new prescribing legislation.

<sup>2</sup> Formulary request Form- available from ADTC Secretary or intranet