

ALTNAGELVIN HOSPITALS HEALTH & SOCIAL SERVICES TRUST

Minutes of a meeting of the Drug & Therapeutic Committee held on 20 November 2001 at 3.30 p.m. in the Boardroom, 1st Floor Altnagelvin Area Hospital.

Present: Dr G Furness
Mr P Farren
Sr K Kerrigan
Ms B Hegarty
Mr B Moore
Ms K Dolan
Mrs S O'Kane
Mr T Melaugh
Ms A Diamond
Mrs C Cadden
Dr W Dickey
Dr N Boyle
Dr S Rae
Dr G Glynn

In Attendance: Dr G Nesbitt

Apologies: Miss Hanna
Dr M Brown

ACTION

1. Intravenous Fluids in Children - Dr Furness introduced Dr Nesbitt who made a presentation on IV Fluids and the problems associated with children in light of a clinical incident within the Hospital.

Dr Nesbitt outlined the circumstances of the incident and drew attention to the issues relevant to current practice. He highlighted recent publications on the subject.

He advised that the DHSS&PS were looking at the issue of guidance to the service and he was in the process of commenting in ? blue first draft. He is concerned that this guidance will not be definitive enough and suggests that this Trust may have to develop a local policy on this subject.

There was discussion on how such a policy can receive a sense of ownership within the Hospital. The role of the Drug and Therapeutic Committee in developing a local policy ?

He recommends that Paediatrics/Surgery/Medicine be brought together To discuss a policy for this trust on IV fluids. Dr Furness, Ms B Hegarty And Mr Melaugh agreed to represent the D&T Committee at such a meeting.

Discussion followed on the need for a clinical incident investigation on a

multi-professional basis to bring out all of the events leading to the outcome in this case. In these circumstances the policy could then be developed. Mr Melaugh undertook to raise this with the Risk Management Department.

2. Diabetic Prescribing - [REDACTED]

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3. Minutes - [REDACTED]

4. Matters Arising

[REDACTED]

5. Policy Update

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[REDACTED]

6. Pharmacy Issues - [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

7. Clinical Incident Intravenous Saline 5% - Mrs Cadden advised

that the Pharmacy stocks had been withdrawn to a central location where some form of labelling will be applied. She agreed to check the ward areas for stock.

Mrs Cadden

8. Co-Amoxiclav (Amoxycillin 250mg, Clavulanic Acid 125mg)

9. Clinical Pharmacy -

10. Meetings 2002 -