NHSGGC Clinical Guideline Approval Process

Clinical Guideline involving medicines

Clinical guidelines fulfilling **one or more** of the following criteria should be referred for review and approval by **ADTC**

Criteria:

- The clinical guideline is expected to be used across both Acute and Primary Care.
- There are significant new cost implications beyond a single sector/directorate and for HSCPs.
- There are significant new service implications beyond a single sector/directorate and for HSCPs.
- The clinical guideline has been produced by a Managed Clinical Network
- The clinical guideline includes non-formulary medicines.
- Clinical guidelines developed for new medicines specifically at the request of Area Drugs and Therapeutics Committee or its subcommittee.

Approval mechanisms for clinical guidelines for cancer medicines (see section 5.2.3)

Clinical Guideline not involving medicines

Only clinical guidelines that are expected to be used across Acute and Primary Care and/or Mental Health will be referred for review and approval to the Board Clinical Governance Forum.

All other clinical guidelines not fulfilling the above criteria should be reviewed and approved for use within the appropriate clinical governance structures.

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Clinical guidelines which relate to **more than one** Sector/ Directorate **or more than one** HSCP can be approved by the following groups (following assessment to ensure that they do not have wider implications):

- Acute only: Acute Services Clinical Governance Forum
- HSCPs: Primary Care Prescribing Management Group

Clinical Guideline not involving medicines

Clinical guidelines fulfilling **one or more** of the following criteria should be referred for review and approval by the Acute Services Clinical Governance Forum **or** Primary Care & Community Clinical Governance Forum (following assessment to ensure that they do not have wider implications):

- The clinical guideline relates to more than one Sector/Directorate or more than one HSCP.
- There are significant new cost implications beyond a single sector/directorate or HSCP.
- There are significant new service implications beyond a single sector/directorate or HSCP.

Clinical guidelines which relate exclusively to an individual Department or Sector/ Directorate or HSCP can be approved by the relevant departmental or Sector/ Directorate or HSCP clinical governance committee/forum to which the clinical guideline applies (following assessment to ensure that they do not have wider implications) for example clinical guidelines which relate exclusively to Mental Health can be approved by the Mental Health Clinical Governance Forum (following assessment to ensure that they do not have wider implications).