

COVENTRY & WARWICKSHIRE AREA PRESCRIBING COMMITTEE

Mission Statement

To provide strategic leadership and advice, and to monitor resulting outcomes, on the safe, effective and efficient management of medicines across organisational interfaces, taking into account the impact on the entire health community of Coventry and Warwickshire and its stakeholders

Key Functions/Relationships

When suitably empowered by the Trust Boards of all member organisations, to make binding decisions regarding health community-wide medicines issues;

The Coventry & Warwickshire APC will:

1. **Be a one-stop clinical decision making body that is both empowered and efficient**
2. **Have a consistent approach to patients in an environment where there is increasing organisational autonomy and multiple care providers**
3. **Focus on end outcomes rather than processes**
4. **Have a consistent approach to value for money and opportunities for investment and disinvestment**
5. **Effectively deliver public awareness campaigns and messages**
6. **Promote patient safety:**
 - a. **Through improving competencies**
 - b. **By educational campaigns aimed at individual health professionals, organisations and the public**
 - c. **Through NPSA programmes**
7. **Promote clinical engagement**
8. **Monitor the impact of its decisions within its member organisations**
9. **Ensure that the requirements of healthcare monitoring organisations are met particularly with respect to timeliness and equity of access to new medicines**

This mission statement and key functions and relationships was developed during the first meeting of those across the Coventry & Warwickshire health economy called to begin work on delivering a fit for purpose APC. This meeting involved representation from Coventry and Warwickshire Commissioning Organisations, UHC&W NHS Trust, George Eliot Hospital, Warwick Hospital, the Coventry & Warwickshire Partnership Trust and Coventry LMC. Others involved in the process, but not represented at the meeting, included Warwickshire LMC and Coventry and Warwickshire LPCs. Further amendments were made and the final version agreed following additional discussions involving all stakeholders including those not present at the meeting.

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