Scottish Stoma Nurse Specialist Group

Stoma Support Garments: Short Life Working Group

TERMS OF REFERRENCE

Aim: To review the current prescribing of support garments for ostomy patients and develop a framework to improve the quality of care and promote safe, effective, efficient prescribing practice.

Structure: The short life working group will produce support garment prescribing guidance and an action plan to improve patient care and deliver cost - efficient management and patient outcome monitoring of support garment use.

Reporting: The short life working group will submit a report and action plan to the Scottish Stoma Forum, Therapeutics Branch and Effective Prescribing Programme Board

Objectives: The short life working group will aim to

1. Review the current prescribing costs, volume and variation of support garment use across NHS Scotland acute and primary care services
2. Consider a national approach that supports clinical guidance on prevention and management of parastomal hernia.
3. Identify the optimum support level criteria that would meet the national guidance for ostomy hernia support.
4. Review current support garments on the Scottish Stoma Listing and agree the process to identify those that **do not meet the optimal support criteria**
5. Strengthen collaborative working with relevant stakeholders in healthcare, industry and patient groups to achieve quality focussed, cost effective patient outcomes.
6. Identify the process and resources required for effective patient outcome monitoring of hernia prevention, screening and management strategies.

Areas of Focus

1. National guidance that supports equity of care delivery across Scotland
2. National guidance will underpin prescribing practice
3. Patient outcome monitoring supports evaluation and continuous improvement
4. Consider how technology can support the key focus areas
5. SLWG will adopt Project management focus with clear governance

SLWG DURATION AND FREQUENCY OF MEETINGS