

## **About the APC**

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The Birmingham, Sandwell, Solihull and environs (BSSE) Area Prescribing Committee (APC) is a strategic decision-making committee. It was established in May 2014 to facilitate a cross-organisational approach to medicines management issues and clinical decision making which affect primary care, community, acute and specialist hospitals and social care with the aim of ensuring a consistent health economy approach to the use of medicines.

The Committee serves the local community by improving safe and effective prescribing and cost efficiencies in medicine use across its member organisations. It is responsible for providing advice on medicines approved for use locally and for supporting the implementation of evidence based practices. It will, on behalf of its members, develop and manage the local joint formulary.

The following organisations make up the BSSE APC membership:

- Birmingham Children's Hospital NHS FT
- Birmingham Community Healthcare Trust
- Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS FT
- Birmingham Women's Hospital NHS FT
- Heart of England NHS FT
- Royal Orthopaedic Hospital NHS FT
- Sandwell & West Birmingham NHS FT
- University Hospitals Birmingham NHS FT
- Birmingham Cross City CCG
- Birmingham South Central CCG

- Sandwell and West Birmingham CCG
- Solihull CCG
- South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula CCG

The Midland and Lancashire CSU Medicines team is responsible for the administration of the APC. Please send any requests for information about the work of the APC, enquiries related to the website or other queries to [cmcsu.medicines-management@nhs.net](mailto:cmcsu.medicines-management@nhs.net).