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### Key Links

#### [Antimicrobial Resistance \(AMR\) - GOV.UK](#)

Contains:

- Strategic publications
- Clinical or technical guidance and publications
- Resources for healthcare professionals
- Resources for livestock professionals
- Research
- News

#### [TARGET Antibiotic Toolkit](#)

An antimicrobial stewardship toolkit and resources for Primary Care in the UK. Produced by The Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP).

#### [Start Smart & Then Focus](#)

An antimicrobial stewardship toolkit and resources for hospitals in England. Produced by PHE.

#### [Fingertips](#)

A repository of interactive profiles and indicators covering a wide range of health and wellbeing themes including antimicrobial stewardship and resistance. It is aimed at commissioners and strategic planners. Run by PHE.

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## Recruitment of GPs and Medicines Management Pharmacists – Update

- We are delighted to confirm the appointment of three GPs and three Medicines Management colleagues to support C&M AMR Board activities. The three GPs will be seconded to work on AMR 1 day (2 sessions) per week for 18 months as of 1st July 2019. Similarly, the three Medicines Management Pharmacist will be seconded for 1 and a half days (3 sessions) per week for 18 months as of 1st July 2019.
- Below is a summary of the key professional colleagues who will be working in the three Place Based Care Systems across Cheshire and Merseyside:

### 1. Liverpool, South Sefton, Southport and Formby CCGs

- Dr Niall Leonard, GP at the Roe Lane Surgery in Southport  
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- Emma Wilson, Medicines Management Pharmacist, Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust  
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- Dr Jonathan Folb, Consultant Microbiologist, Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen Hospitals  
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### 2. Warrington, Halton, Knowsley and St Helens CCGs

- Dr Adit Jain, Partner & Trainer – Dinas Lane Medical Centre, Deputy Medical Director & Appraisal Lead – NHS E (C&M), GP Tutor & Prescribing Lead – Knowsley CCG.  
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- Jessica Mellor, Practice Pharmacist, NHS Halton CCG  
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- Dr Michael Fisher, Consultant Microbiologist, St Helens Knowsley NHS Trust  
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### 3. Eastern Cheshire, Western Cheshire, South Cheshire, Vale Royal and Wirral CCGs

- Dr Graham Duce, GP Partner, Park Green Surgery, Macclesfield  
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- Sarah Roden, Medicines Optimisation Pharmacist, Countess of Chester Hospital  
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- Dr Rajendran Rajesh, Consultant Microbiologist, Macclesfield Hospital NHS Trust  
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## Evidence on care home effect on antibiotic prescribing

A study comparing antibiotic prescribing to older people in different settings using data linkage to stratify individuals aged 65 years and over and by residence: community dwelling, care home dwelling or 'transitioned' if admitted to a care home found that the odds of being prescribed at least one antibiotic were twofold higher in care homes compared with community dwellers (adjusted odds ratio 2.05, 95% CI 1.93–2.17). There was a proportionate increase of 51.5% in the percentage prescribed an antibiotic on admission, with a monthly average of 23% receiving an antibiotic in the 6 months post admission. The authors concluded that while clinical need likely accounts for some of the observed antibiotic prescribing in care homes, they cannot rule out more liberal prescribing, given the twofold difference between care home residents and their community dwelling peers having accounted for co-morbidities. [Here](#)

## Next AMR Board Meeting

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 14:00 – 16:00 at Halton Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall, Heath Road, Runcorn WA7 5TD.