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Background and context

The Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Board for Cheshire and Merseyside (C&M) was established in 2018 and had its first meeting on the 12th March 2018. The Board is comprised of key participants from C&M who can influence antibiotic prescribing with the aim of reducing antibiotic resistance through tackling inappropriate prescribing.

The membership of the AMR Board includes: consultant microbiologists, GPs and medicines management staff from the local areas, representation from the senior executive team of an acute trust, patient representatives, public health consultants and other senior representatives from Public Health England (PHE).

Outcomes from the first meeting

The first meeting was held at Runcorn Town Hall and was an opportunity to set the scene, understand the remit and purpose of the group, accept the terms of reference and work through the next steps.

There is a considerable amount of good practice in all local areas across C&M Local Healthcare Partnerships. Discussion ensued on how all the good work could be collated and standardised. The group also discussed the current gaps in the system with regards to antimicrobial stewardship in the community.

Next steps

It was decided that at the end of every AMR Board a communication in the form of a bulletin would be sent out to all local stakeholders.

It was agreed that GP Champions and dedicated medicines management support was crucial in ensuring success of the local AMR activities, and the Board will strive to get the input of these professionals in all local areas.

PHE have produced an AMR Strategy & Action Plan that needs validating. Therefore the AMR Board through its local teams comprising of consultant microbiologists and pharmacists would work towards implementing the relevant actions identified in the document.

A strategic paper looking at requirements for a successful implementation of AMR Strategy and also functioning of the AMR Board is to be produced for the Local Healthcare Partnership Prevention Board.

Three key messages

1. There is a considerable amount of good practice in C&M with regards to AMR.
2. There is a genuine enthusiasm and drive among key stakeholders (CCGs, PHE, and acute trusts) to work collaboratively to implement AMR strategy in C&M.
3. There is a need for consolidating existing good practices in C&M and disseminating this information widely to users at all levels, i.e. GPs, other primary and community care prescribers etc.

Three key actions

1. Identification of dedicated funding for GP champions and medicines management staff in order to ensure good quality and meaningful input at local level and support some promotional activities on AMR.
2. Organising educational events for users with the aim for empowering and ensuring prudent antibiotic prescribing.
3. Organising a multi-agency stakeholders event on AMR in November 2018.