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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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Cheshire & Merseyside (C&M) AMR Activities

Gram-negative bacteria bloodstream infection (GNBSI) - update

- The recent [publication](#) of national figures for community acquired Escherichia coli bacteraemia has highlighted that Cheshire & Merseyside is one of the five healthcare systems in England with the highest number of E. coli bloodstream infections. There is significant variation in infection rates between clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) across Cheshire and Merseyside.
- A system scoping exercise was undertaken through CCGs on current actions relating to the following areas: UTIs; hydration; hepatobiliary associated GNBSI; data (recording and analysing); hand hygiene; and wound care. Responses were received from all CCGs, and the full report will be shared with CCGs soon. Below is a summary the key findings:
 - Areas for improvement:
 - There is lack of information in CCGs about actions that pharmacists, care homes and GPs are taking to address this issue. This suggests a lack of joined-up approach across providers in the CCG to tackle this.
 - No CCG had completed all the hepatobiliary recommendations across all acute providers.
 - Mental health and community providers (excluding care homes and GPs) performed poorly across C&M with very few having any dedicated UTI pathways.
- C&M Health and Care Partnership Prevention Board, NHSE/I, and PHE have agreed a new system wide delivery and governance structure for AMR. The existing AMR Board and new GNBSI/ Sepsis/ HCAI/ IPC & Diagnostics Programme Boards will report to a new AMR, HCAI/GNBSI Reduction Oversight Board. The Oversight Board will report directly to C&M QSG and Health and Care Prevention Board. This new structure will build on the current AMR Board achievements and bring together a system wide approach to performance, and quality improvement of the wider antimicrobial resistance programme (antimicrobial stewardship; HCAI; IPC; Sepsis; and Diagnostics) across C&M.

AMR National Campaign – 5th November 2019 and Local Preparation

- The use of a combination of resources has the greatest impact including visible patient information e.g. posters, leaflets, with audio information such as radio and tv adverts, and discussion with local clinician(s).
- [GP practice packs](#) will be distributed by early Nov 2019, and these will include information and materials that can be ordered from [Here](#)
- [New resources from TARGET](#) including a pictorial RTI leaflet that is easy to read is available to download [Here](#)
- [The TARGET website](#) has wide range of additional resources that can be found [Here](#)
- [Treating your infection guides](#) seem to have a big impact, and primary care colleagues are advised to embed the below information on their systems and go through the script as well as downloading to use in consultations with patients.
 - Treating your infection Respiratory Tract Infection (RTI) can be found [Here](#)
 - Treating your infection Urinary Tract Infection (UTI) can be found [Here](#)
 - For a system wide adoption of these into GP systems, specific word versions and instructions can be found [Here](#) for RTI; and [Here](#) for UTI.
- *Please note: Walk-in Centres do not receive resources automatically. However, they can order from the campaign resource centre [Here](#).*

Next AMR Board Meeting

Thursday 12th December 2019, 14:00 – 16:00 at Halton Council Chamber, Runcorn Town Hall, Heath Road, Runcorn WA7 5TD.