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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.

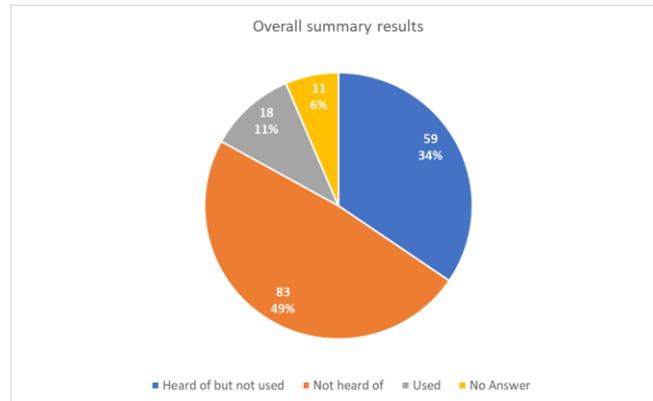
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## Cheshire & Merseyside (C&M) AMR Activities

- Cheshire & Merseyside front-line healthcare professionals survey on awareness of antibiotics prescribing resources was undertaken between Aug – Oct 2019. This was a short select survey.
- Below is the response by professional groups and an overall summary chart on the response to awareness and use of RCGP TARGET website (regarding clinical scenario slides; webinars; how to achieve optimal prescribing); RCGP eModules; HEE AMR eLearning Module; E-bug; and Antibiotic Guardian Website.

Response break down	No (%)
General Practitioner	83 (48.5%)
Nurse practitioner	56 (32.5%)
Pharmacist or pharmacy technician	11 (6.4%)
Infection prevention and control nurse	1 (0.5%)
Microbiologist registrar/consultant	1 (0.5%)
Blank	19 (11.1%)
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>171</b>



Overall, awareness of front-line staff on resources available to support best practice antibiotics prescribing is low. Significant improvements have been achieved in reducing inappropriate antibiotic prescribing across C&M (see data on [Fingertips](#)). C&M AMR Board strongly believe that better awareness of prescribers on available resources would lead to further reduction in inappropriate prescribing. To receive the full summary report of the survey findings, please contact [luciascally@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:luciascally@wirral.gov.uk)

## Below is summary information on TARGET: Antibiotic Toolkit - RCGP



# TARGET

Keep Antibiotics Working

### What is TARGET?

TARGET stands for: Treat Antibiotics Responsibly, Guidance, Education, Tools. The toolkit helps influence prescribers' and patients' personal attitudes, social norms and perceived barriers to optimal antibiotic prescribing. It includes a range of resources that can each be used to support prescribers' and patients' responsible antibiotic use, helping to fulfil CPD and revalidation requirements.

<https://www.rcgp.org.uk/clinical-and-research/resources/toolkits/target-antibiotic-toolkit.aspx>

More specific information can be found at:  
[Guide for GPs on Antimicrobial Resistance](#)  
[Guide to the TARGET resources](#)  
[Guide to TARGET resource development](#)

If you wish to know more about using TARGET in your practice please contact your local area AMR medicines management lead – Emma Wilson, [Emma.Wilson@merseycare.nhs.uk](mailto:Emma.Wilson@merseycare.nhs.uk) [Liverpool & Sefton]; Jessica Mellor, [Jessica.Mellor@haltonccg.nhs.uk](mailto:Jessica.Mellor@haltonccg.nhs.uk) [Warrington, Halton, Knowsley or St Helens]; Sarah Roden, [sarah.roden@nhs.net](mailto:sarah.roden@nhs.net) [Cheshire & Wirral].

### Next AMR Board Meeting

To be confirmed.