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Key Links

[Antimicrobial Resistance \(AMR\) - GOV.UK](https://www.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.

[Dental Health](#)

"Antibiotics Don't Cure toothache" Stewardship is hosted by PHE and FGDPRCS, BDA websites

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Cheshire & Merseyside (C&M) AMR Board Area Teams Update

- Board now resumed – the Cheshire and Mersey AMR Board area teams work was paused during the COVID-19 pandemic in April 2020. We are pleased to announce the area teams have now resumed and are revising the action plan and priorities going forward.
- Your local area contacts – please contact your AMR medicines management leads if you would like any further information on antimicrobial stewardship in your area of practice:
 - Emma Wilson, emma.wilson@merseycare.nhs.uk [Liverpool & Sefton];
 - Jessica Mellor, jessica.mellor@nhs.net [Warrington, Halton, Knowsley or St Helens];
 - Sarah Roden, sarah.roden@nhs.net [Cheshire & Wirral].
- The single antibiotic formulary work is now nearing conclusion. This will be out shortly for local adoption across Cheshire & Merseyside. The planned next steps for the working group are to formulate a paediatric antimicrobial formulary for primary care and identify priorities for further formulary review work.

Target Toolkit:



The medicines management team members of the AMR Board are providing information and support around the use of the Target Toolkit and delivering some direct training sessions as requested. If you wish to access Target Toolkit training, please contact your local medicines management leads as detailed above.

New and Recent Publications

- How safe this metronidazole in breastfeeding patients? Our colleagues from UK Medicines Information have published a Q&A which summarises the evidence which is available to access [here](#). The balance of current evidence and clinical experience, and the consensus of specialist opinion, is that there is no established mutagenic or carcinogenic risk to infants breastfeeding from mothers receiving routine short-course treatment with metronidazole by any route.
- NICE COVID-19 rapid guideline: managing suspected or confirmed pneumonia in adults in the community was published in April 2020– this guideline recommends using doxycycline which supersedes current local formulary recommendations for CAP and represents a change in first line antimicrobial therapy. The full guideline can be accessed [here](#).

Next AMR Board Meeting

- To be decided