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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.

### [Dental Health](#)

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

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## PrescQIPP AMS visual analytics Supporting antimicrobial stewardship during COVID19 pandemic

This [dashboard](#) will allow clinicians working in primary care to monitor antibiotic prescribing trends that can alert clinicians to where further investigation of antibiotic use may be required to optimise safe and effective management of suspected infection. This is particularly important during the COVID-19 pandemic when many primary care consultations are now remote/virtual consultations.

Data is available at regional, commissioner, PCN and Practice level and includes 10 years age band. The dashboard is open access and does not require registration.

## TARGET Toolkit Update

TARGET has recently updated some of the [Treating Your Infection](#) (TYI) leaflets.

The TYI-UTI patient information leaflet has been designed to be used with women who are experiencing urinary symptoms suggesting non complicated urinary tract infections. It has been updated with COVID-specific advice (November 2020).

The TYI-RTI patient information leaflet has been designed to be used with patients who are experiencing self-limiting respiratory tract infections. It has been updated with COVID-specific advice (November 2020).

These leaflets support implementation of recommendations in the NICE guidelines on processes for and behaviour change for antimicrobial stewardship.

TARGET has produced a [presentation](#) to support clinicians with remote consultations during the COVID-19 pandemic. It aims to help prescribers identify key decision points for remote management of common infections e.g. ENT, Urinary, Cough, COVID-19, insect bites & identify patients most likely to benefit from antibiotics (November 2020). Found under the heading 'TARGET Training Resources'

## New and Recent Publications

[English Surveillance Programme for Antimicrobial Utilisation and Resistance \(ESPAUR\)](#) has recently published its report for 2019-2020. The report includes national data on antibiotic prescribing and resistance, antimicrobial stewardship implementation, and awareness activities.

General practice continues to prescribe the majority of antibiotics (86% of total use in England) but has declined antibiotic use by 14% from 2015 to 2019. Dental practices also continued to make significant reductions (25%).

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## Cheshire and Merseyside AMR Board

Next C&M AMR Board meeting – March 2020 (date and time to be confirmed)