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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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UPDATE Cheshire & Merseyside AMR Event - 19th November 2018

In November's edition of this newsletter we gave some initial feedback on this event. Since then we have been able to collate the feedback from the table top discussions and discussed a summary report at January AMR Board meeting. This is what you told us:

Key Barriers

- Behavioural change: culture, habits, changing clinical practice
- Staff time: GPs and Medicines Management Teams
- Lack of system wide oversight

Best Practice Priorities

- Regular audits in Primary Care
- Consistent implementation of back-up prescribing
- Recognising importance of hydration and implementing 'To Dip or Not to Dip'

In response to this, the Cheshire & Merseyside AMR Board have agreed to:

- Share good practice
- Promote training and education with a focus on the general public, social care staff, and non-medical prescribers
- Promote the implementation of e-bug (a resource for schools) across Cheshire & Merseyside

This work will be supported by the AMR Board's three local place-based groups.

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Education – for GPs and colleagues working outside of hospitals

- Health Education England have recently launched a short film on antimicrobial stewardship for GPs [Here](#)

- Health Education England has also commissioned an educational film, in collaboration with PHE's Primary Care Unit on the treatment of urinary tract infections [UTIs] in older adults for all out of hospital health and social care workers, introducing resources that can be used to diagnose, manage and prevent UTIs in out of hospital settings. It promotes 'To Dip or Not to Dip' that aims to improve the management of UTIs in older people in care homes.

- There are also links to other educational and practical resources for healthcare workers to share with patients and carers, & the film & resources are available [Here](#)

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC) Survey

Public Health England (PHE) is leading an ECDC survey to assess healthcare workers' [HCWs] knowledge and perceptions about antibiotic use and resistance across Europe. PHE want to hear from healthcare workers including: doctors, nurses, midwives, dentists, pharmacists, clinical scientists, hospital managers, allied health professionals, nursing associates and technicians. Responses from healthcare students are also being sought.

The deadline for survey completion is the 24th February 2019. Please take 15 minutes to complete the survey which can be found [Here](#)

Who are you?

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Next AMR Board Meeting: Wednesday 27th March 2019, HBC Box 9, Halton Stadium, Lower House Lane, Widnes WA8 7DZ. 2-4pm.