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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 – Update

- Progress update on project to develop an education and training programme on AMR [based on virtual reality (VR) concept] for prescribers in the community, primary and secondary care. We are in the early stages of project development. To support this project and the wider C&M AMR agenda we are delighted to announce the secondment of three medicines management and three GP leads (one each for the three Place Based Care System in C&M).

- We will continue to report progress on this project regularly during 2019 in this bulletin.

New National Hand Hygiene and Personal Protective Equipment Policy

NHS England together with NHS Improvement have produced a practice guide for NHS healthcare staff of all disciplines in all care settings that covers how and when to decontaminate hands. This national policy aims to:

- Support a common understanding (making the right thing easy to do for every patient, every time)
- Reduce variation in practice and standardise care processes
- Improve how knowledge and skills are applied in infection prevention and control
- Help reduce the risk of healthcare-associated infection
- Help to align practice, education, monitoring, quality improvement and scrutiny Click here for link to the policy.

New National Urinary Catheter Tools

NHS Improvement have a series of tools that have been developed collaboratively with national experts to support providers in delivering consistent evidence based catheter care. The use of these tools needs to be supported by strong leadership and education. The link to the tools is here.

Some Recent Publications that may be of interest are:

- Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness and Games. *Trends in Microbiology* Here
- Value of hospital antimicrobial stewardship programs (ASPs): a systematic review Paper - confirmed the benefits *Antimicrobial Resistance & Infection Control* Here
- Attributable deaths and disability-adjusted life-years caused by infections with antibiotic-resistant bacteria in the EU and the European Economic Area in 2015: a population-level modelling analysis. *The Lancet Infectious Diseases* Here
- Public health burden of antimicrobial resistance in Europe. *The Lancet Infectious Diseases* Here
- Twitter to engage, educate, and advocate for global antibiotic stewardship and antimicrobial resistance - #KeepAntibioticsWorkings #AntibioticResistance *The Lancet* Here
- A cornerstone of modern medicine is crumbling; the government's plan to tackle AMR depends on research. *BMJ Opinion* Here

Upcoming event in Leeds

Leeds Gram negative E.coli Conference 2019. The conference is now open for applications from all areas. To book a place please register via Eventleaf here

Next AMR Board Meeting

Please note the *date and venue* are yet to be confirmed for the next board meeting which will be in May 2019.