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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 FGPRCS, BDA websites

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World Antibiotic Awareness Week: 18th-24th November 2020

CALL TO ACTION:

Choose one simple pledge about how you'll make better use of antibiotics and help save these vital medicines from becoming obsolete.

Make your pledge today at <https://antibioticguardian.com/>

Please note that PHE will **NOT** be sending out 'Keep antibiotics working' campaign resource packs to GP practices or community pharmacies this year.

If necessary, any of the 'Keep Antibiotic Working' campaign resources can be ordered or downloaded free of charge directly from the [PHE campaign resource centre](#).

During World Antibiotic Awareness Week, the TARGET twitter (@TARGETabx) account will be releasing 10 TOP TIPS for maintaining antimicrobial stewardship during remote consultations. We encourage you to follow and retweet!

Updates to TARGET Toolkit:

TARGET have developed a webinar to support clinicians with remote consultations relating to common areas of infection during the COVID-19 pandemic. The webinar should be available for all to access from the [RCGP website](#) in time for World Antibiotic Awareness Week.

TARGET 'Treating Your Infection' leaflets for respiratory and urinary tract infections have been updated with the addition of advice specific to COVID-19. These updated leaflets will be available to download from the [RCGP website](#).

TARGET Self-Care Patient Information Leaflet (NEW): TARGET have developed a new PIL providing self-care advice to encourage patients to manage self-limiting infections themselves. Coming soon to the [RCGP website](#).

New and Recent Publications

Natural history of uncomplicated urinary tract infection without antibiotics: a systematic review: Review (3 RCTs, n=346) states duration of symptoms without use of antibiotics remains unclear, but some women appear to improve or become symptom free spontaneously (with most improvement in the first 9 days) and others failed to improve or became worse over a variable timespan.

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Next AMR Board Meeting

Monday 24th November 2020, 13:30-15:00, Microsoft Teams.

AMR Bulletin & CCG Comms for Weekly GP Bulletins (28/10/20)

The Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) work by the Specialist AMR Team was paused April 2020 to the end of June 2020 due to COVID-19.

We are pleased that the Area Teams (which include a Medicines Management, GP, and Microbiologist Lead representative (from each area identified below) have now resumed work and the Teams' action plan has been reviewed and updated.

To engage with your local area leads, please contact the AMR Medicines Management Leads by email about antimicrobial stewardship in your area of practice:

- Emma Wilson, emma.wilson@merseycare.nhs.uk [Area 1: Liverpool & Sefton];
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- Sarah Roden, sarah.roden@nhs.net [Area 3: Cheshire & Wirral].

In the January 2020 issue of the AMR Bulletin, we explained that Virtual Reality learning scenario work was being undertaken. The filming of the scenarios is now complete.

The 'Virtual Reality' AMR learning scenarios are:

- Cough
- Sepsis
- Recurrent UTI
- Uncomplicated UTI
- Sore Throat

These are available through both a virtual reality experience and / or a downloadable video option. We currently have practices hosting a box of four virtual reality headsets in Area 3 Wirral - Leasowe Medical Practice, Area 2 - Dinas Lane Medical Centre, and in Area 1 Chapel Lane Practice Formby).

There are QR codes below that you can scan to access the downloadable video versions, along with the password access code. The other QR code will take you to a questionnaire to complete following your learning experience whether through downloadable video or virtual reality headset.

Note: The virtual reality headsets will be contained in a sanitation box that holds four headsets with guidance on how to use the headset and maintain sanitisation between uses. There will also be guidance on how to complete the online feedback form following the review of the learning experience. The sanitisation process would be:

- Sanitise hands before and after use.
- Use one headset per individual per session and wipe after each use with the same wipes used for computer equipment.
- Wipe down the headset thoroughly after use with alcohol wipes.
- Leave used headset for 72hrs before another individual can use it.

QR Codes



Videos

(password: AMR2020)

<http://qrco.de/amrvideos>



Questionnaire

<http://qrco.de/vramr>

