

When to use the *Respiratory Tract Infection* leaflet?

The leaflet can be used in a variety of situations and settings including in:-

- Consultations to share with patients
- GP surgery waiting rooms
- Community groups in antibiotic related activities

Why create the *Respiratory Tract Infection* leaflet?

70% of antibiotics are prescribed in the community and more than 50% are unnecessary. Therefore sharing leaflets with patients presenting with RTI's significantly reduces their inappropriate use of antibiotics.

Community groups, including adults with learning difficulties, can find the current self-care leaflets overwhelming due to the amount of text. The Primary Care Unit at UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) have therefore developed a pictorial leaflet based on the TARGET *Treating Your Respiratory Tract Infection (RTI) Leaflet*. The leaflet is pictorial based and uses plain English so that it is suitable for a range of community groups including adults with learning difficulties, young mothers and younger audiences like girl guiding and youth groups.

We are happy to receive feedback about how you have used this leaflet and any constructive comments on how it can be improved. Please contact the TARGET team via email at TARGETantibiotics@ukhsa.gov.uk