

Using National Antibiotic resources to help improve antibiotic prescribing

"There are few public health issues of potentially greater importance for society than antibiotic resistance"

2013 CMO Prof Dame Sally Davies



Learning in this webinar

Understand

- How and why we prescribe antibiotics
- The evidence showing the link between antibiotic prescribing and resistance in your patients
- how reducing antibiotic prescribing can reduce antibiotic resistance, and also patient consultations
- AMS strategies to use with patients
- Where to find and how to use TARGET materials
- The benefits of exploring your antibiotic prescribing in more detail



Actual antibiotic prescribing in Primary Care vs appropriate rates

Condition/syndrome	Actual prescription (UK THIN data)	Ideal prescription: PHE EE median (IQ range)	Ideal prescription: ESAC EE acceptable range
Acute cough	40%	10% (6 – 16%)	
Acute bronchitis	92%	13% (6 – 22%)	0 – 30 %
Acute sore	60%	13% (7 – 22%)	0 – 20%
throat			(tonsillitis)
Acute rhinosinusitis	92%	11% (5 – 18%)	0 – 20%
Acute otitis media			
6mo – 2yr	96%	19% (9 – 33%)	
2yr – 18yr	94%	17% (8 – 30%)	0 – 20%



Evidence: Risk of resistance persists for at least 12 months after your prescribing

	Increased risk of resistant organism (pooled odds ratio)											
	Antibiotic in past 2 months	Antibiotic in past 12 months										
RTI 7 studies: n = 2,605	2.4 times (1.4 - 3.9)	2.4 times (1.3 – 4.5)										
UTI 5 studies	2.5 times (2.1 – 2.9)	1.33 times (1.2 – 1.5)										

A meta analysis of English Primary Care



Why do we prescribe antibiotics?

1. Relief of symptoms

2. Worry about complications/more serious illness

3. Patient pressure



1. Relief of symptoms TARGET Symptom benefit from antibiotics

	Total duration untreated	Beneficial effect from antibiotics	NNT for one additional patient to benefit	NNT for one additional adverse effect i.e. NNH
Otitis media	4 -12 days	8-12 hours	18	9
Sore throat	8 days	12-18 hours	6-20	15
Sinusitis	12-15 days	24 hours	18	8

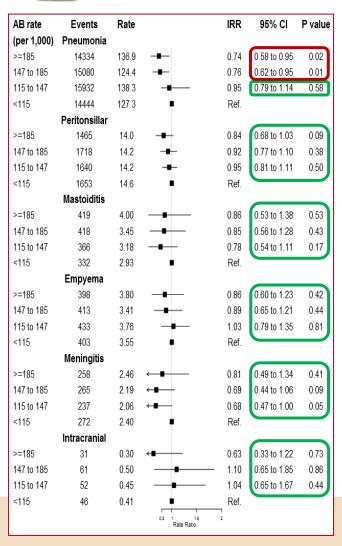
How do we communicate this information to patients?



2. Worry about complications

Antibiotics and complications



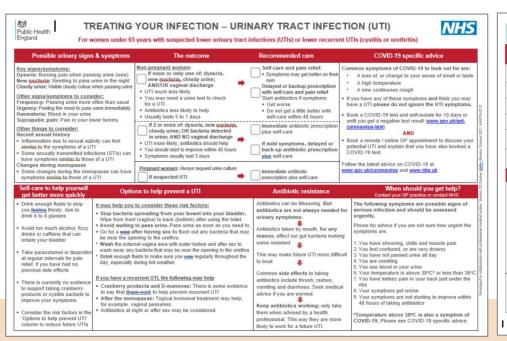


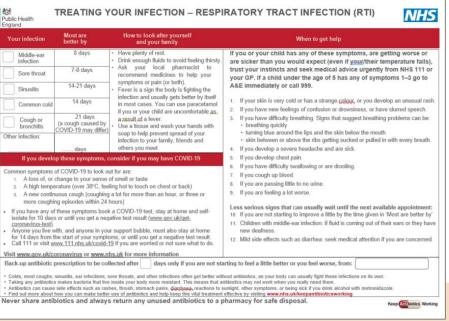
- ➤ UK study examined complications in practices with range of antibiotic use
- Majority of infections no significant differences (CI crosses 1, p>0.05)
- Calculated that in a practice of 7,000, a 10% reduction in antibiotic prescribing for RTI might expect:
 - 1 additional pneumonia each year
 - 1 additional peritonsilar abscess each
 10 years



Reducing complication risk

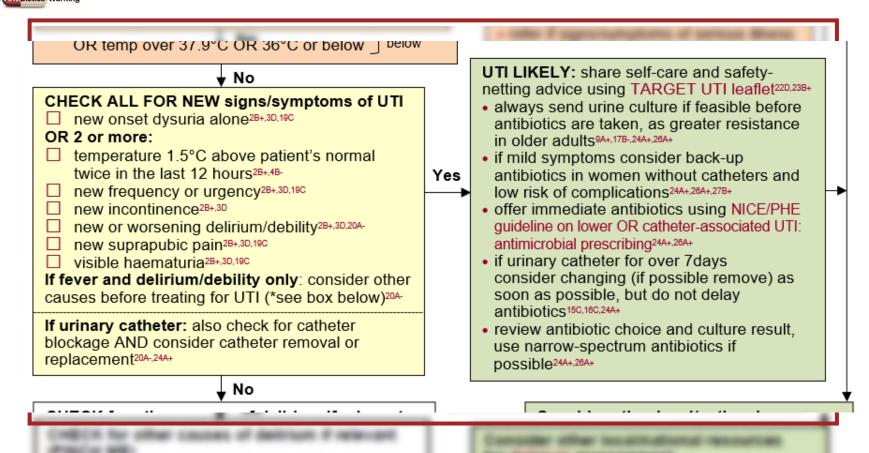
- Keep Antibiotics Working
- Careful clinical assessment, including targeting treatment to those most at risk using diagnostic flowcharts, symptom scores: FeverPAIN; STARWAVe
- Back-up / delayed antibiotics
- Safety netting including patient information leaflets







PHE UTI Diagnostic Tool: Diagnostic Flowchart over 65s



Link to Diagnostic Flowchart over 65s



Case Study NHS BANES ToDipOrNotToDip

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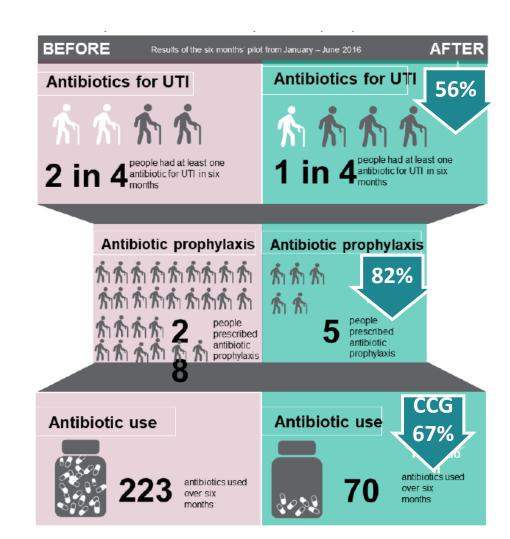


Improvement programme focused on:

- Improved diagnosis of UTI with reduced dipsticks
- Improved GP practice /care home communication
- good hydration / avoiding acute kidney injury (AKI
- Improving antibiotic use)

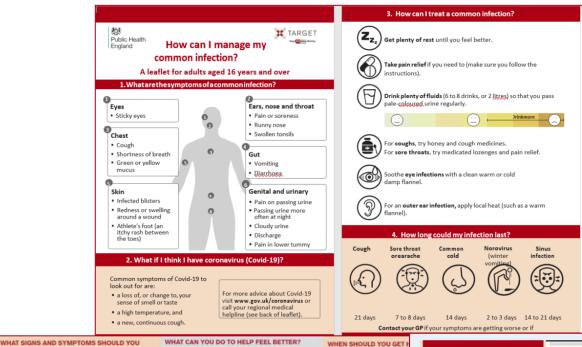
Results:

 Reduced calls to GP practices for inappropriately diagnosed UTI





Patient Information Leaflets





WHAT IS A URINE INFECTION? A urine infection occurs when bacteria in any part of the urine system cause symptoms.

If a urine test finds bacteria but you are otherwise well, do not worry, this is common, and antibiotics are not usually needed. However,

WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP PREVENT A URINE INFECTION? Are you drinking enough? Look at the colour of your urine.

O Disk room Drink enough fluid (6-8 glasses) so that you pass pale coloured urine regularly during the day, and to avoid feeling thirsty, especially

- · Avoid drinking too many fizzy drinks or alcohol-There is no proven benefit of crariberry products or cystilis sachets
- · Prevent constigation. Ask for advice if needed . Maintain good control of diabetes

- Change pads and clean gentials if solled
- . Keep the genital area clean and dry; avoid scented soaps Wash with water before and after sex

MAY ALSO CAUSE CONFUSION Stop bacteria spreading from your bowel into your bladder *Wipe genitals from front to back after using the tolet.

· Poor sleep . Low mood · Not dirriving enough

LOOK OUT FOR?

. High or low temperature

· Hidney pain in your back just under the ribs

Pain or burning when passing urine

Consider these symptoms if you have a urinary catheter

New or worsening signs of urine infection in all people

· Urgency (feeling the need to urinate immediately)

Incontinence (wetting yourself more often than usual)
 Passing urine more often than usual

Confusion, change in behaviour, or unsteadiness on feet

ALTHOUGH CONFUSION IS CAUSED BY URINE

INFECTION, CONSIDER OTHER THINGS THAT

· Plan in your lower turniny above pubic area

. Cloudy urine, or visible blood in your urine

- · Side effects of medicine
- · Change in your routine or home
- · Poor det
- in your bowel, which may make · But artibiotics are not always them resistant to antibiotics for needed for urinary symptoms. · Common side effects of taking
 - antibiotics include thrush. ask for advice if you are worried
- You may be given an antibiotic that you can use if your symptoms don't improve

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Drink enough fluids to avoid feeing thirsty and to keep

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your urine pale

ALWAYS TRUST YOUR PHARMACIST'S / NURSE'S / DOCTOR'S ADVICE ABOUT ANTIBIOTICS

WHAT MIGHT YOUR PHARMACIST / NURSE /

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 Antibiotics can be life saving for Antibiotics affect the bacteria serious urine infections

· Drink enough fluid so that you

pass urine regularly during

the day, especially during

Take paracetamol regularly

hot weather

DOCTOR DO?

self-care advice and pain relief

· Ask you to drink more fluids

· Ask you for a urine sample

or you start to feel worse

. Keep arbbiotics working, or take them when your doctor

The following symptoms are por









Symptoms are getting a lot worse, 2 days of starting antibiotics.

how urgent the symptoms an



SELF-CARE STEPS

4. Where to get help

1. How to help make yourself better

3. Look out for serious symptoms

2. Check how long your symptoms last



Use tissues when you sneeze to help stop infections spreading





2. CHECK HOW LONG YOUR SYMPTOMS LAST



If you are feeling a lot worse, phone NHS 111, NHS Direct Wales or NHS 24 (see step 4).

TYI-RTI pictorial leaflet – simplified version

For more information, visit the NHS website: www.nhs.uk

Most common infections get better without antibiotics. Find out how you can make better use of antibiotics by visiting: www.antibioticguardian.com



Using STARWAVe to predict hospitalisation in children

STARWAVe was developed from 8,394 UK children aged 3m-16y, presenting to GP practice with acute (≤28d) COUGH & RTI

The seven symptoms and signs are:

S short duration of illness (≤3 days)

Parent reported fever in the previous 24 hours or temperature ≥37.8°C at presentation

A age <2 years

R clinician reported inter/subcostal recession

W clinician reported wheeze on auscultation

Current diagnosis of asthma

V parent reported moderate/severe vomiting in the previous 24 hours

Children with score

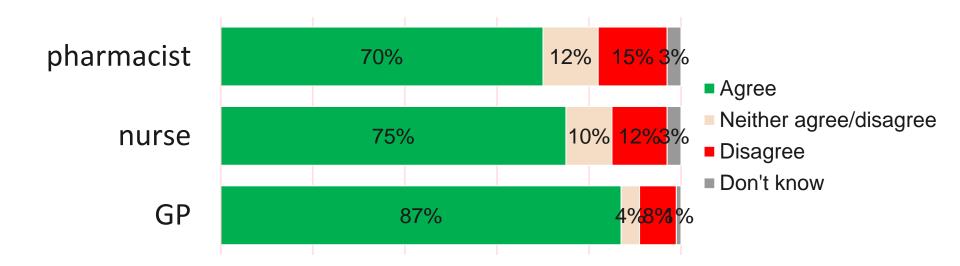
- •0-1 (67%): very low risk (around 1:320) of future admission so can use 'no' antibiotic strategy
- •2-3 (30%) 'normal' risk of future admission (around 1:70). Suggest no or delayed antibiotic
- •4 or more (3% of all children) should be closely monitored for signs of deterioration, as 11.7%, ~1:9 admitted. Prescribe immediate antibiotic. Arrange same-day or nextday follow-up



3. Patient Pressure

The patient perspective: A 2020 survey showed patients trust their HCP's advice

I trust my...

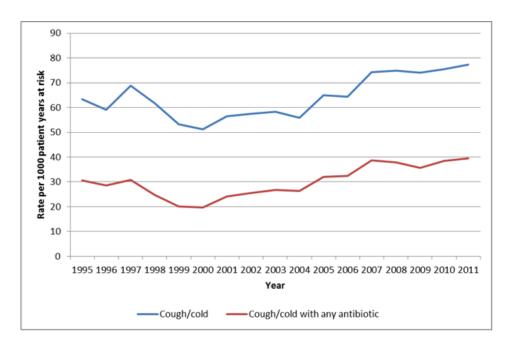


...advice as to whether or not I need an antibiotic



Prescribing: Consultation rates related to acute cough & cold

537 UK GP practices 1995-2011



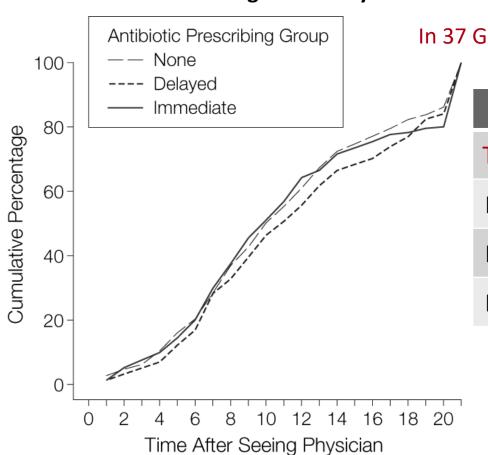
In a longitudinal study, practices who reduced prescribing experienced a reduced consultation rate

Thus patients can be retrained not to expect antibiotics reducing your consultations



Back-up / delayed prescribing The evidence

Duration of Cough After Physician Visit Until Patient Is Feeling Better



In 37 GP practices in Bristol area

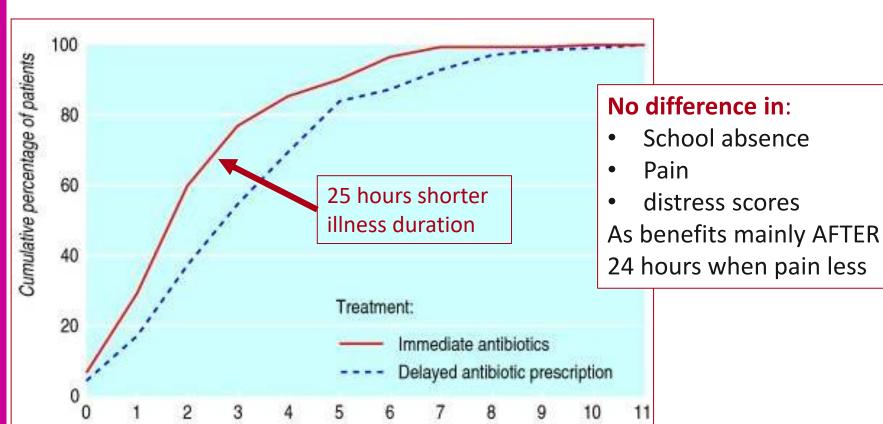
Patient satisfaction v	vith treatment
Treatment Choice	Patients
No antibiotic	130/181 (72%)
Delayed antibiotic	147/190 (77%)
Immediate antibiotics	166/194 (86%)





Duration of symptoms of AOM in children after seeing doctor

Immediate versus delayed antibiotics:



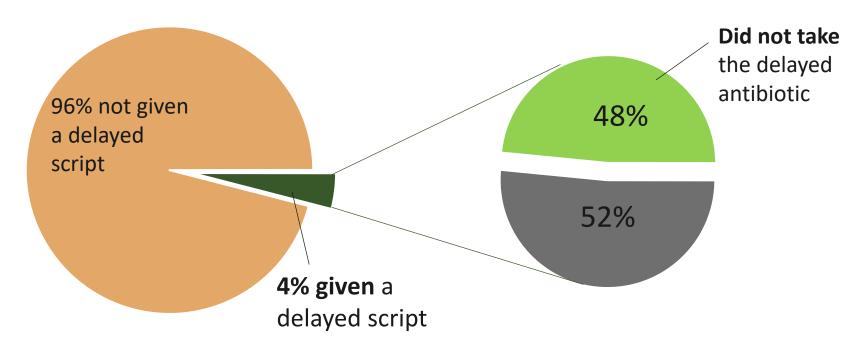
Last day of earache after presenting to doctor



Back up/delayed prescribing

The Patient Perspective:

What patients do when given a delayed script?



77% of all respondents felt that it was acceptable to be offered a delayed script by their GP





- ? Re contact
- ? Post date
- ? Ask to collect
- ? Give it



WHICH WAY TO DELAY? PIPS TRIAL

	No Ab	Re contact	Postdate	Collect	Patient- led	LR chip
Sx Severity	1.62	1.60	1.82	1.68	1.75	0.6
Duration days mod bad Symps (median)	3	4	4	4	4	0.3
Belief in Abs	71%	74%	73%	72 %	66%	0.8
Ab Use	26%	37%	37%	33%	39%	0.3
Vsatisfied	79%	74%	80%	88%	89%	0.8

Symptom severity1° outcome:0 = no problem...6 as bad as it could be; alpha 0.71-0.79; srm 1.6



COMMON CONCERNS 2?

It is not as effective as no offer of a prescription?

- Yes slightly higher rates of antibiotic use, but fine
- It will reduce number of patients who come back to see you by
 1/3

Medico-legal consequences?: complications

- Similar reduction in complications compared with an immediate antibiotics
- Two very large cohorts to show that this the case

It takes more time?

- Most of the 6 Rs you should be doing anyway
- The key difference is advice about when to consider cashing in



WHAT NEXT?

Paul Littles advice: Try it: patients like it and you will get quicker It's easy, but do it properly (and will then reduce antibiotic use)

Remember the 6Rs (most of which are simply good practice!):

Reassurance;

Reasons not to use antibiotics

Relief: paracetamol (v limited NSAIDs)

Realistic natural history 1/2 week (OM), 1 wk. (throat), 2 wks. (sinus) 3 wks. (chest)

Reinforce key message: ONLY use if getting worse or not even STARTING to settle in

the expected average time

Rescue (Safety netting)

Aim to keep it for the 20-30% where you are unsure

Audit to check how often you are using it

It will reduce complications and save you time

Fewer complications than no prescription;

Fewer repeat consultations compared with no prescription or immediate



The TARGET Website

Leaflets to Share with **TARGET Guides, Updates UTI Resource Suite** and News **Patients** Find out more Find out more Find out more Resources for Clinical and Audit Toolkits, Self **Antibiotic and Diagnostic Assessment and Action Quick Reference Tools Waiting Areas Planning** Find out more Find out more Find out more **TARGET Trainers and** Information for **Training Resources** Commissioners **Training** Find out more Find out more Find out more



Self Assessment Checklist to complete whilst waiting for whole team

SELF ASSESSMENT CHECKLIST

What would be good practice now?
1. Do you use national or local antibiotic guidance when considering how to treat common infections? Yes \Box No \Box
You should be using local antibiotic guidance – this is usually based on national guidance produced by National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE) and Public Health England (PHE) and may be modified locally by commissioners and microbiologists to localise the antibiotic guidance in accordance with local resistance and susceptibility patterns. This should be consistently used by all staff in your practice and out-of-hours services. The Summary of antimicrobial prescribing summary tables are available on the NICE website. A document containing full information on the rationale for each management decision and antibiotic choice specific to PHE content is hosted on the PHE website – this will be very useful for trainees or for your further professional development.
2. Do you analyse and discuss antibiotic prescribing at your practice in comparison to local indicators at least once a year? Yes □ No □
Analysing antibiotic prescribing figures against set indicators during the audit process enables the surgery to benchmark itself and determine whether there is a need to review their antibiotic prescribing practices. It is good practice to keep these figures and re-audit annually. Tackling antimicrobial resistance 2019–2024 - the UK's five-year national action plan aims to halve healthcare associated gram negative bloodstream infections by 2024 and reduce the number of specific drug-resistant infections in people by 10% by 2025. Use national prescribing data on fingertips to compare antibiotic prescribing in your practice to local levels.
3. Do you use patient focused strategies to highlight the importance of responsible antibiotic use? For example, videos and posters in clinical and waiting areas. Yes □ No □
There are <u>patient facing materials</u> available in the TARGET toolkit that can be used in the surgery waiting areas or in the consultation to improve patient awareness and to facilitate communication around responsible antibiotic use, antibiotic resistance and patient self-care of infections. You can refer to posters and videos during your consultations to highlight that there is a national strategy to tackle resistance and inappropriate antibiotic use.



TARGET:

Acute Cough Audit

The TARGET website has audit templates for:

- Acute otitis media
- UTI
- Sore Throat
- Acute Cough
- Otitis Externa
- Acute Rhinosinusitis

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Excel template auto calculates prescribing compliance for you!



Sources to visualise primary care antibiotic prescribing data

- PrescQIPP
- PHE Fingertips
- Open Prescribing
- NHS England Dashboard
- ePACT2

AMS Visual Analytics to support NHS antimicrobial stewardship improvement 2020/21

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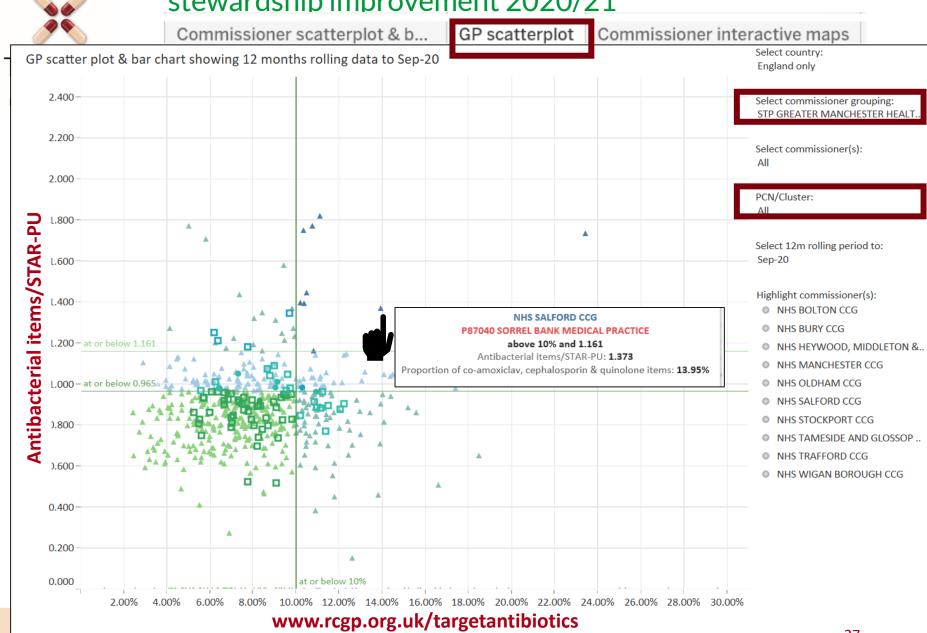
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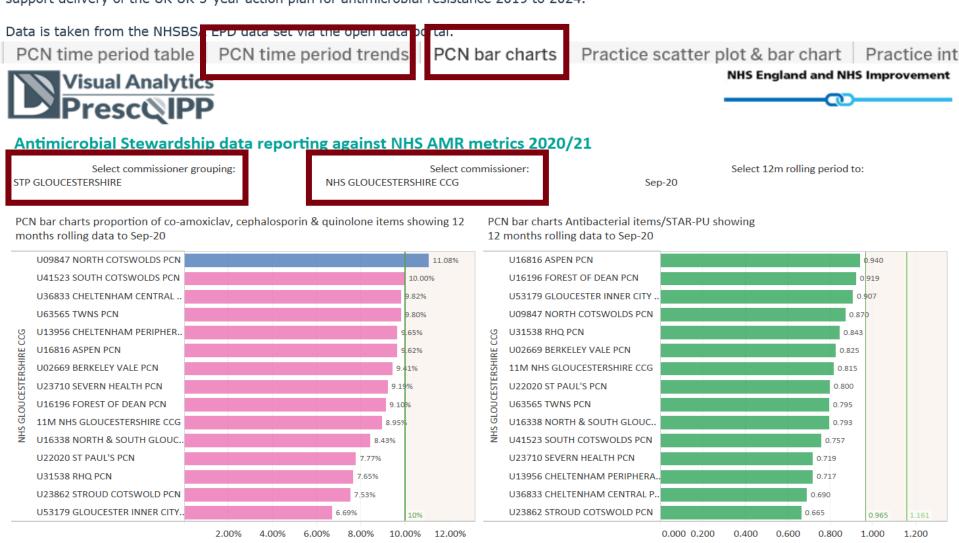
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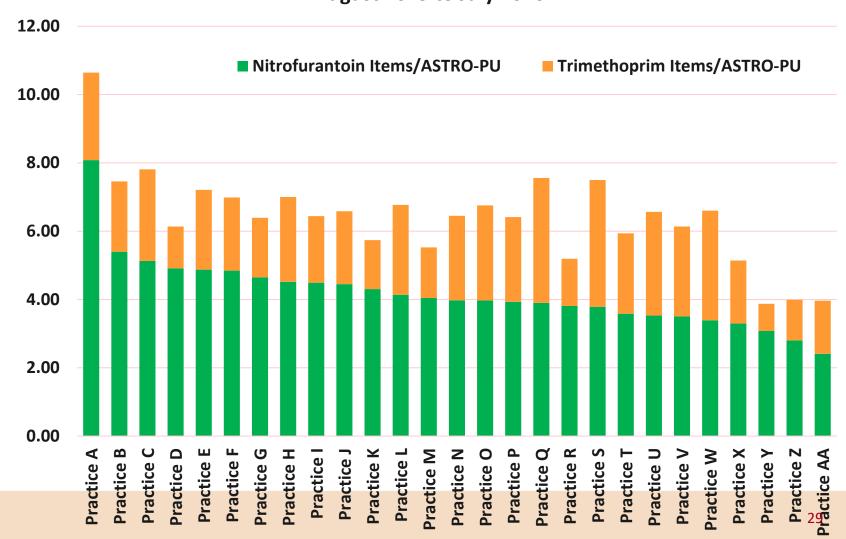


Antibiotic items/STAR-PU

Proportion of co-amoxiclav, cephalosporin & quinolone items



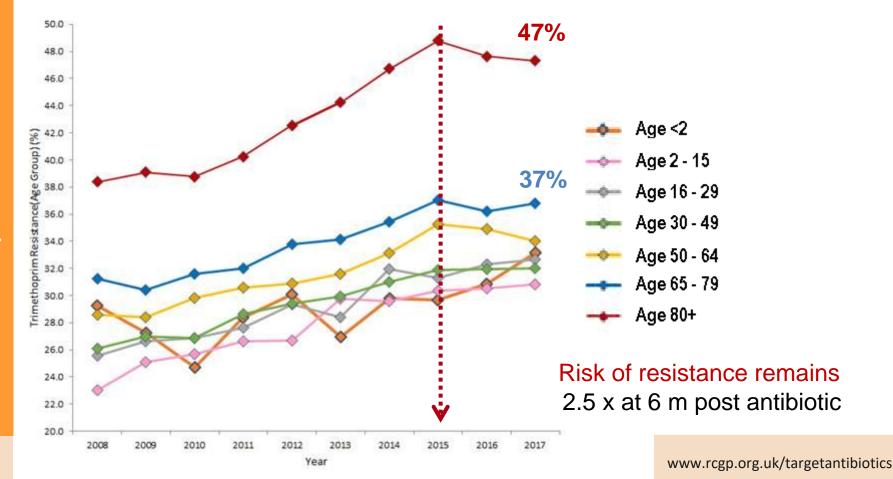
Nitrofurantoin & Trimethoprim Items per 1,000 ASTRO-PU August 2019 to July 2020





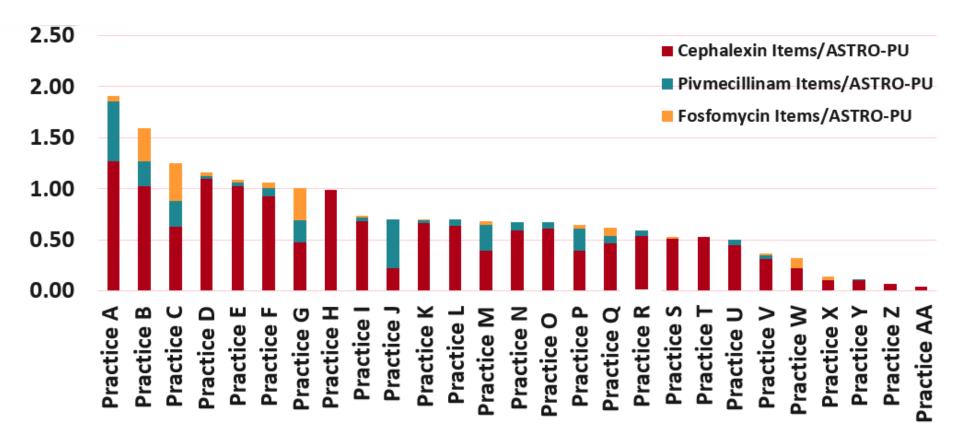
Why nitrofurantoin first-line? Trimethoprim resistance is very high

Nitrofurantoin replaced trimethoprim as 1st line in PHE guidance December 2014





Cephalexin, Pivmecillinam & Fosfomycin Items per 1,000 ASTRO-PU August 2019 to July 2020





Fingertips AMR Local Indicators

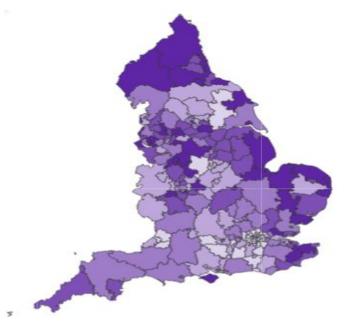
https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/profile/amr-local-indicators

Since April 2016 146 indicators launched in six domains:

- Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)
- Antibiotic Prescribing
- Healthcare-Associated Infections (HCAI)
- Infection Prevention and Control (IPC)
- Antimicrobial stewardship (AMS)
- Supporting NHS England Initiatives

By

- CCG, General Practice,
- NHS acute Trust, lab



AMR local indicators

Q Search for indicators

Supporting NHS England Initiatives

Percentage of prescribed antibiotic items from cephalosporin, quinolone and co-amoxiclav class by quarter / %

Antimicrobial Resistance

Antibiotic Prescribing Health Care Associated Infection Infection Prevention and Control Antimicrobial Stewardship

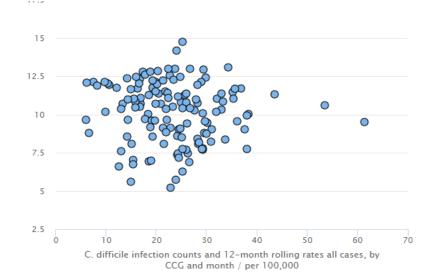
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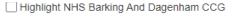
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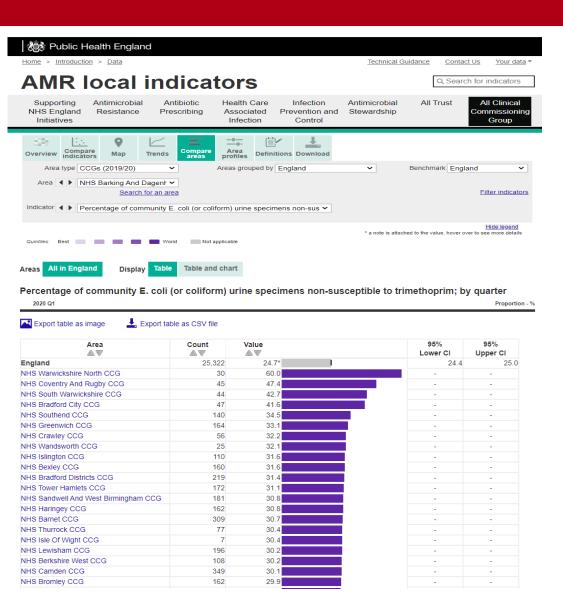
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CCGs (since 4/20) in Engla...

Fingertips

Broad-spectrum antibiotics *vs Clostridium difficile* rates Allows comparison by CCG

- all AMR indicators
- other public health data available



Percentage of community E. coli (or coliform) urine specimens non-susceptible to trimethoprim; by quarter



Key 2020 antibiotic prescribing messages

- Back-up prescribing works
- Reducing prescribing helps reduce workload
- The benefit achieved from prescribing antibiotics in otitis media in children is small
- Do not dipstick over 65s
- Prescribe doxycycline for acute cough
- Prescribe cefalexin for pyelonephritis
- Develop an action plan on how to use the diagnostic flowcharts, leaflets and audits



Action planning:

Developing priorities, for you now

Aim: to improve antibiotic use and help control resistance HOW

Pause the webinar and spend a few minutes noting what you can do in your practice to help improve

- Your antibiotic use
- Antibiotic prescribing in your practice

Please note

- who will do it.
- How it will be attained
- When it will be attained by



Action planning:

Developing priorities, for you now

Aim: to improve antibiotic use and help control resistance HOW

- 1. Make sure everyone has access to antibiotic guidance
- 2. Use the diagnostic flowcharts to help patient triage
- 3. Use back-up/delayed prescribing (the leaflet will help)
- 4. Use leaflets to safety net and increase patient understanding
- 5. Develop computer prompts to increase use of leaflets and flowcharts use Accurix or Ardens
- 6. Use Fingertips or PrescQipp to monitor usage
- 7. Do an antibiotic audit with action planning

Decide now who will be responsible for each of these agreed actions



Many thanks to everyone at the RCGP and in the PCIU for facilitating this webinar

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