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The Dental antimicrobial Stewardship Toolkit

The dental antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) toolkit and information for patients for primary care has been developed in collaboration between the Dental Sub-group of Public Health England's English surveillance programme for antimicrobial utilisation and resistance (ESPAUR), Faculty of General Dental Practice (FGDP) and British Dental Association (BDA).

The inappropriate use of antibiotics as we know is related to bacterial resistance. Responsible use of antimicrobials should help control it. The toolkit aims to influence prescribers and patients attitudes to enable optimal antibiotic prescribing.

An independent review of antimicrobial resistance, the Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Review commissioned by the UK Government in 2014

and chaired by Lord Jim O'Neill, analysed the global impact and estimates that a failure to address the problem of antibiotic resistance could result in: 10 million deaths every year globally by 2050 and a cost of £66 trillion (\$100 trillion) to the global economy. In March 2013, Professor Dame Sally Davies, Chief Medical Officer said "Antimicrobial resistance poses a catastrophic threat. If we don't act now, any one of us could go into hospital in 20 years for minor surgery and die because of an ordinary infection that can't be treated by antibiotics."

Using the resources in the Dental AMS toolkit can contribute to dental surgeries and practitioners demonstrating compliance with the Health and Social Care Act 2008: Code of Practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance.

The toolkit also supports recommendations made in the NICE guideline NG15 Antimicrobial stewardship: systems and processes for effective antimicrobial medicine use.



GET YOURSELF VACCINATED
THIS WINTER



St. Helens Council



Festive season fact:

Never wash a turkey!
Campylobacter is THE most common cause of food poisoning in the UK. Washing poultry before cooking it does not remove the bacteria (only cooking will kill them); it simply spreads the bacteria over your sink, kitchen surfaces and any other items around your sink through splashing of water.

Did you know

While it's true that some people are allergic to tree pollens, they say, "a real (Christmas) Tree itself is unlikely to produce pollen during December, and even if it did, pollens from pines are not a known allergen."

The Dental antimicrobial Stewardship Toolkit– Continued.....

The Dental Subgroup

The Dental Subgroup of ESPAUR(English surveillance programme for antimicrobial utilisation and resistance) was established in 2015, with the aim of exploring surveillance, and improving stewardship through prevention, development of resources, audit and education in the dental sector.

The objectives of the group are to:

- develop a collaborative action plan with partners describing roles, responsibilities and time frames
- improve data granularity of dental antimicrobial prescribing in primary care.

- improve antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) in primary care dental practice through the development of resources and audit
- promote initiatives to improve patient awareness of appropriate use of antibiotics for dental infections & promote initiatives to improve good oral health in order to prevent infections before they arise.

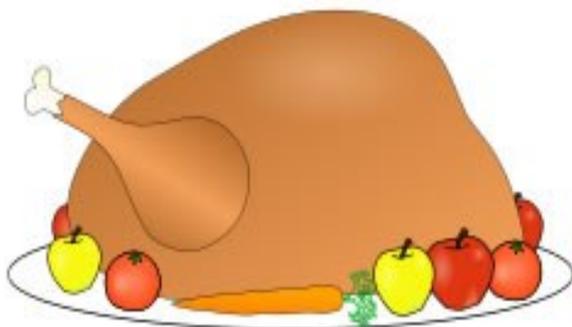
The subgroup includes multi-organisation representation including:

- PHE
- FGDP
- BDA

- Association of Clinical Oral Microbiologists
- Faculty of Dental Surgeons Royal College of Surgeons England
- Health and Social Care Information Centre
- NHS Business Services Authority
- NHS England
- NHS Improvement
- Health Education England
- Council of Dental School Deans
- British Association for the Study of Community Dentistry
- Denplan
- Prescribing adviser, clinical commissioning group.

Access to the audit tool & further information can be obtained from:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/dental-antimicrobial-stewardship-toolkit>



Festive reminder....If having stuffing with your turkey, it is advisable to cook it separately rather than in the cavity of the bird. Your turkey may cook unevenly if it is filled with stuffing and you may underestimate the time required to cook your turkey thoroughly.

HTM 04 01 – REVISED GUIDANCE

In May this year, the HTM 04-01 was revised . It now provides comprehensive guidance on measures to control waterborne pathogens such as *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*, *Stenotrophomonas maltophilia*, *Mycobacteria* as well as *Legionella*. The guidance comes in four parts (A,B,C,D).

It has been updated to align with the Health and Safety Executive's (HSE's) recently revised *Approved Code of Practice for Legionella (L8)* and its associated *HSG274 (Legionnaires' disease Part 2: The control of legionella bacteria in hot and cold water systems)* guidance documents.

The Addendum to HTM 04-01 published in 2013 (and now Part C of HTM 04-01) introduced the concept of WSGs (Water Safety Groups) and WSPs (Water Safety Plans). Part B of the HTM now includes updated guidance on the remit and aims of the WSG and WSP.

New guidance has been included on the hygienic storing and installation of fittings and components and on the competency of installers/plumbers working on healthcare water systems. The guidance also outlines that any person working on water distribution systems or cleaning water outlets needs to have completed a water hygiene awareness training course. Also there is guidance on sampling techniques testing for, and the microbiological examination of *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*.

The guidance has been written to promote good practice for those responsible for the design, installation, commissioning, operation and maintenance of water services in healthcare premises. Included in the guidance is:

- Guidance on other measures for other pathogens not just Legionella e.g. *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* & mycobacteria
- Highlighting the need for robust governance and management
- The need for better water hygiene awareness & illustrating temperature regimes for water hygiene.
- Ensuring the safe delivery of hot water
- Guidance on hygiene storing, installation of fittings/ components
- Also competency of installers/ plumbers
- Guidance regarding any person working on water distribution systems/ cleaning water outlets have completed training
- Updated guidance on the sampling and testing for *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*
- Outlining the remit of the WSG and how this relates to the provision of safe water in healthcare premises which includes dental practices;
- Outlining key criteria and system arrangements to help stop the ingress of chemical and microbial contaminants and microbial colonisation and bacteria proliferation.

Further information available from: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/524880/DH_HTM_0401_PART_A_acc.pdf



A FLU POEM

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*Your home is warm, and cosy too
But be ware there may be flu,
There's quite a few with coughs
and sneezes,
But be aware it spreads diseases.*

*Take a view there could be more
High fever, aches and feeling
sore,
Within the throat it feels like fire.
It might be flu, you feel so dire.*

*Muscle pain and hacking chest,
You really do not feel your best
So stay home and go to bed,
With aching limbs and bursting
head.*

*There is a moral to this tale,
Avoiding flu will never fail
Keep safe, your patients, family
too,
Don't suffer symptoms, but please
do,*

GET YOUR JAB, DON'T GET FLU

**Nice Guidance– Oral Care for Adults in
Care Homes**

For those practices that provide dental services for adults in care homes guidance has been published in July from NICE.

The guidance covers oral health, including dental health and daily mouth care, for adults in care homes. The aim is to maintain and improve their oral health and ensure timely access to dental treatment.

Further information:

[https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/
ng48](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng48)

**SELF – AUDITS: Reminder**

When sending in self-audits please can you also include any generated action plans.

THANK YOU

**INFECT ION CONTROL LEAD NURSE FORUM GROUP
MEETINGS – DATES FOR 2017**

Lowe House HCRC, Training Room, 2nd Floor, Crab Street, St Helens, WA10 2DJ

Thursday 16th March 2017- 6 -7.30 pm

Thursday 15th June 2017 6 -7.30 pm

Thursday 14th September 2017– 6 -7.30 pm

Thursday 7th December 2017 6 -7.30 pm

Warrington Wolves Stadium, Warrington , WA2 7NE

Tuesday 21st March 2017– 6 -7.30 pm at Warrington Wolves, Room F27

Tuesday 20th June 2017- 6 -7.30 pm at Warrington Wolves, Room F27

Tuesday 19th September 2017– 6 -7.30 pm at Warrington Wolves, Room F27

Tuesday 12th December 2017- 6 -7.30 pm at Warrington Wolves, Room F27

If you are interested in attending and have not been before please can you contact me in advance. Contact details on the back page.



If you would like to join our dental forum group on Facebook please contact Karen (details on back page.)

EMAIL COMMUNICATION WE NEED YOU!!!!

Have you notified us of your most up to date email address for your practice?

If not , please can you get in touch so we can ensure you receive all our communication speedily.

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INFECT ION C O N T R O L T R A I N I N G

Would your practice like some infection control training?

If so please get in touch (see contact details above). I will come to your practice when suits you to deliver infection control training . It can be tailored to suit your training needs. It will also be verifiable CPD!



Are you thinking of refurbishing at your practice? Surgeries, general environment or installing a local decontamination unit (LDU) ? Then please get in touch and we can provide you with professional advice regarding infection control measures you will need to consider.