

Terms of Reference

RMOC (London) Antimicrobial Resistance/ Stewardship Subgroup

Background

Antimicrobial resistance is an increasing national and international problem. A wide range of initiatives have been developed nationally and implemented locally to support this agenda with a focus on improved diagnostics, reduced and more appropriate antimicrobial prescribing (start smart and focus). The key goals of the programme, supported with QIPPs, are to:

- Reduce anti-microbial prescribing overall
- Reduce rates of gram negative infections
- Increase good practice in prescribing

Purpose

The purpose of the group is to be a focal point for knowledge and co-ordination of the antimicrobial resistance agenda for London on behalf of the Regional Medicines Optimisation Committee.

The group will not seek to replicate national and CCG initiatives, but will endeavour to ensure appropriate regional knowledge, engagement and spreading of good practice

It will achieve this by:

1. Horizon scan to ensure appropriate regional awareness of initiatives
2. Support services and commissioners to link them with national collaboratives and improvement programmes.
3. Bring together those aspects related to advice and guidance (RMOC), assessment of commissioning plans and finances (NHS England) and provider performance (NHS Improvement).
4. Work closely with other networks in NHSE/I to co-ordinate approaches

Scope

Antimicrobial prescribing and effective use spans specialised and CCG commissioning and there are important interfaces between NHSI's focus on improving quality and performance and NHS England's assessment of CCG commissioning plans and financial impacts.

Sepsis is an important part of the national AMR programme. As this is reviewed in a number of other NHSE/I forums, sepsis will not be a primary focus of the implementation group.

The group will ensure that all prescribers, including dental practitioners, are included in the scope of the work.

The initial work programme below has been agreed with the RMOC (London):

1. UTI prevention, diagnosis and treatment in the elderly – sharing best practice via networks
2. Use of antibiotics in urgent care settings – gathering evidence, support compliance with NICE and other relevant guidance
3. Work with STPs to map their current activity

Reporting

The AMR Implementation Group will act on behalf of, and provide advice to, the RMOC (London).

Meetings

Meetings will be held every second month.

Membership

| Role / Organisation | Name Email | Affiliation |
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| Regional Pharmacist | Richard Goodman | NHS England/NHS Improvement (Interim Chair) |
| Deputy Director London Medicines Information Service | John Minshull | RMOC |
| Antimicrobial Pharmacist, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital | Stephen Hughes | Secondary Care Pharmacist |
| Health Care Scientist | Anne Trewick Sue Alexander | Royal Free London Royal Marsden |
| Health Innovation Network | Mandeep Butt | AHSN representative |
| GP, Southwark CCG Medicines optimisation team | Aparna Babu | GP |
| Pharmacy Advisor | Tushar Shah | NHS England |
| Consultant Medical Microbiologist, UCLH | Peter Wilson | Medical Microbiologist |
| Consultant in Communicable Disease Control, PHE London | Tania Misra | Public Health England |
| Deputy Chief Pharmacist Barking and Dagenham, Havering & Redbridge Clinical Commissioning Groups | Oge Chesa | CCG Commissioner |
| Director of Infection Prevention and Control, London North West University Hospitals Trust | Fiona Coogan | Infection Prevention & Control |
| Regional Medicines Information Manager | Sheena Vithlani | Minutes |