

**Approved Minutes of Scottish Antimicrobial Prescribing Group Committee Meeting
held on Tuesday 25 April 2023 at 1-3pm via MS Teams**

[Attendance and apologies are located at the end of the minutes](#)

1	<p>Welcome, apologies for absence and declaration of interests The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed guests:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Diane Ashiru-Oredope, Lead Pharmacist, UK Health Security Agency • Andy Blunsum, ID Registrar, NHS GG&C • Jill Booth, Clinical Adviser, Healthcare Improvement Scotland • Scott Gillen, Antimicrobial Pharmacist, NHS GG&C • Gary Lynas, Clinical Pharmacist, NHS Lanarkshire • James Shepherd, ID Registrar, NHS GG&C • Rebekah Sutherland, AMT Nurse, NHS Lothian <p>Chair noted that meeting will be recorded and asked for members to advise on any Declarations of Interest prior to relevant agenda item.</p>
2	<p>Minutes and actions from previous meeting The minutes of the meeting held on 07 February 2023 were accepted as an accurate record.</p>
5	<p>EUCAST update 2023 Recent significant changes to EUCAST recommendations were presented.</p>
4	<p>Review of primary care prescribing for urinary tract infections Data presented on trends in antibiotics commonly used for urinary tract infection (UTI) following implementation of Pharmacy First UTI. Data on antibiotic use for Pharmacy First were presented at the SAPG meeting in June 2021. The presentation today refreshes the previous analysis and includes data on use of trimethoprim and nitrofurantoin in community pharmacy and general practice settings up to the end of 2022. The aim of the analysis was to determine whether Pharmacy First UTI has been associated with changes in overall use of antibiotics recommended for UTI.</p>
5	<p>Update on recent trends in antibiotic use and progress on national indicators Most recent data presented on the trends in antibiotic use in primary care in Scotland. The presentation focused on recent trends on use of antibiotics commonly used for respiratory infection, antibiotic use in dentistry and progress against antibiotic use indicators.</p>
<p>Items for discussion and agreement:</p>	
5	<p>Primary care prescribing data discussion SAPG committee discussed primary care data presented.</p> <p>Outcome of discussion: SAPG committee agreed to take a “watch and wait approach” and will continue to monitor weekly.</p>

6	<p>Intravenous colistimethate sodium (colistin) in adults guidance</p> <p>Association of Antimicrobial Pharmacists (ASAP) were asked by SAPG to update the guidance previously created by ASAP. SAPG commissioned a review of the latest evidence in relation to the use of colistimethate sodium in clinical practice. Colistin is rarely used due to its nephrotoxicity and neurotoxicity profile and prescribing complexity. This document has been created as guidance only and to be used in conjunction with specialist advice from infection specialists.</p>
Items for update:	
8.	<p>Gentamicin and vancomycin update</p> <p>FK provided an overview on the current position of the UKCA accreditation of the calculators.</p>
9	<p>The following groups gave a verbal update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Government • Association of Scottish Antimicrobial Pharmacists (ASAP) • Scottish Antimicrobial Nurses Group (SANG) • Dental Stewardship Steering Group (DSSG) • Outpatient Parenteral Antimicrobial Therapy (OPAT) • Paediatric Stewardship Steering Group (PSSG) • NHS Education for Scotland (NES) • Scottish Microbiology Virology Network (SMVN) Group
10	<p>Items for information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SAPG Vice Chair recruitment update • <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> bacteraemia (SABs) <p>These have now been circulated and published on the SAPG website.</p>
11	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Commonwealth Partnerships for Antimicrobial Stewardship (CwPAMS) 2 project • Public Health Scotland guidance
12	<p>Date of next meeting – 06 June 2023</p> <p>Following meeting – 22 August 2023</p> <p>The AMT Network Event on 24 May has been cancelled, as SAPG celebrates its 15th birthday this year and the plan is to focus on the main event in November.</p> <p>Chair reminded members to complete their Declaration of Interests and return to MP.</p>

Present (41):

SAPG Project Board

Dr Kate Anderson, AMR/HCAI Policy Unit, Scottish Government (*deputising for Jamie Stewart*)

Professor Marion Bennie, Chief Pharmacist, Public Health Scotland

Mrs Fran Kerr, Project Lead, Scottish Antimicrobial Prescribing Group

Mr William Malcolm, Clinical Lead for SONAAR Programme, ARHAI Scotland

Ms Sabine Nolte, Principal Educator, NHS Education for Scotland

Dr Andrew Seaton (**Chair**), Consultant Physician, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde

Mrs Alison Wilson, Director of Pharmacy, NHS Borders

SAPG Support Services

Ms Marion Pirie, Project Officer, Scottish Antimicrobial Prescribing Group

National Services Scotland

Karen Gronkowski, Senior Information Analyst, SONAAR Programme

Aidan Morrison, Senior Information Analyst, SONAAR Programme

Ms Polly Russell, Information Analyst, SONAAR Programme

Antimicrobial Management Teams

Dr Mairi Cullen, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Highland

Dr Stephanie Dundas, Consultant in Infectious Diseases, NHS Lanarkshire

Dr David Griffith, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Fife

Kayleigh Hamilton, Antimicrobial Pharmacist, NHS Ayrshire and Arran (*deputising for Ursula Altmeyer*)

Dr Sharon Irvine, ID Consultant, NHS Dumfries and Galloway

Mrs Alison MacDonald, Area Antimicrobial Pharmacist, NHS Highland

Fiona McDonald, Specialist Pharmacist – Antibiotics, NHS Grampian (Association of Scottish Antimicrobial Pharmacists) (*deputising for Vhairi Bateman*)

Esperanza Palenzuela, Antimicrobial Pharmacist, NHS Lothian (*deputising for Simon Dewar*)

Dr Robbie Weir, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Forth Valley

Representing professional groups and specialties

Ms Ysobel Gourlay, Lead Antimicrobial Pharmacist, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde

Dr John Harden, Consultant in Emergency Medicine, NHS Lanarkshire, and National Clinical Lead for Quality & Safety Scottish Government

Ms Susan Kafka, Advanced Pharmacist - Paediatric Antimicrobials & Medicine, NHS GG&C (Paediatrics)

Dr Mairi Macleod, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (Scottish Microbiology and Virology Network)

Dr Charis Marwick, Clinical Senior Lecturer, University of Dundee (Research representative)

Mrs Jo McEwen, Antimicrobial Nurse Specialist, NHS Tayside (Scottish Antimicrobial Nursing Group)

Dr Ben Parcell, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Tayside (Infection Control Doctors Group)

Mrs Laura Pelan, Prescribing Support Pharmacist, NHS GG&C (Scottish Prescribing Advisers Association)

Professor Andrew Smith, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (Dental)

Jayne Walden, Antimicrobial/OPAT Nurse, NHS Dumfries

Mr Samuel Whiting, Infection Control Manager, NHS Borders (Infection Control Managers Group)

Theresa Williamson, Associate Nurse Director, Golden Jubilee National Hospital (SEND)

Dr Sarah Whitehead, Consultant Microbiologist, Golden Jubilee and the Scottish Ambulance Service

Public partner:

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Guest/Observers:

- Professor Diane Ashiru-Oredope, Lead Pharmacist, UK Health Security Agency
- Andy Blunsum, ID Registrar, NHS GG&C
- Jill Booth, Clinical Adviser, Healthcare Improvement Scotland
- Siobhan Carty, Antimicrobial Pharmacist, NHS GG&C
- Scott Gillen, Antimicrobial Pharmacist, NHS GG&C
- Gary Lynas, NHS Lanarkshire
- James Shepherd, ID Registrar, NHS GG&C
- Rebekah Sutherland, AMT Nurse, NHS Lothian

Apologies:

Dr Ursula Altmeyer, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Ayrshire and Arran
Dr Vhairi Bateman, Consultant in Infectious Diseases and Microbiology, NHS Grampian
Dr Adam Brown, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Highland
Professor Alexander Crichton, Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (Dental)
Dr Scott Davidson, Deputy Medical Director of Acute Services in GGC (SAMD)
Dr Simon Dewar, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Lothian
Dr Conor Doherty, Consultant in Paediatric Infectious Diseases, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (Paediatrics)
Dr David Fallaha, Consultant Anaesthetist, Golden Jubilee
Mr Jim Findlay, Public Partner, HIS
Kirsten Hill, Antimicrobial/HIV Pharmacist, NHS Tayside (Association of Scottish Antimicrobial Pharmacists)
Dr Edward James, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Borders
Dr Busi Mooka, Consultant Physician, NHS Tayside
Dr Deirdre O'Driscoll, General Practitioner, Glasgow
Dr Virginia Santiago, General Practitioner, NHS Fife and Clinical Lecturer in General Practice, University of St Andrews
Mrs Diane Stark, Infection Prevention and Control Nurse, NHS Highland (Infection Prevention Society)
Mr Jamie Stewart, AMR Team Leader, Scottish Government
Dr Becky Wilson, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Grampian & NHS Orkney
Ms Julie Wilson, AMR Manager, ARHAI Scotland