

**Approved Minutes of Scottish Antimicrobial Prescribing Group Committee Meeting  
held on Tuesday 12 December 2023 at 1-3pm via MS Teams**

Attendance and apologies are located at the end of the minutes

<p><b>1.</b></p>	<p><b>Welcome, apologies for absence and declaration of interests</b> The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the last SAPG meeting of 2023.</p> <p><b>New members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Liam Bainbridge, Information Analyst, SONAAR team</li> <li>• Graeme Bryson, Director of Pharmacy, NHS Dumfries and Galloway</li> <li>• Pamela Innes, Senior Prescribing Support Pharmacist, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde</li> <li>• Elaine Kettings, Associate Nurse Director, NHS Golden Jubilee</li> <li>• Alex McEwan, Senior Policy Officer, AMR team, Scottish Government</li> </ul> <p><b>Demitting members</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polly Russell, Information Analyst, SONAAR team, ARHAI Scotland</li> <li>• Julie Wilson, AMR Manager, ARHAI Scotland</li> </ul> <p>Chair thanked Polly and Julie for their support to the work of SAPG</p> <p>Chair thanked Jill Booth, Clinical Adviser, Healthcare Improvement Scotland (HIS) who has been supporting SAPG since the New Year with guideline development and clinical advisory work.</p> <p>Chair noted that meeting will be recorded for the purpose of note taking and asked members to advise on any Declarations of Interest prior to relevant agenda item.</p>
<p><b>2.</b></p>	<p><b>Minutes and actions from previous meeting (papers 1,2)</b> The minutes of the meeting held on 24 October 2023 were accepted as an accurate record.</p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>SONAAR report November 2023 – presentation</b> Key findings presented on antibiotic use and resistance from the recently published Scottish Antimicrobial Use and Antimicrobial Resistance (SONAAR) in 2022 report. The report was published by ARHAI Scotland on 21 November 2022 and is available at: <a href="https://www.nss.nhs.scot/publications/scottish-one-health-antimicrobial-use-and-antimicrobial-resistance-in-2022/">https://www.nss.nhs.scot/publications/scottish-one-health-antimicrobial-use-and-antimicrobial-resistance-in-2022/</a></p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Review of recent trends on antibiotic use in primary care in Scotland – presentation</b> 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><b>Items for discussion and agreement:</b></p>	
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Good practice recommendations for use of antibiotics towards the end of life (paper 4)</b> At previous SAPG meeting no comments were received and has been updated to ensure compliance with HIS legislation and will be published.</p>
<p><b>Items for update:</b></p>	
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>SAPG guideline review update</b> Update provided on SAPG guidance which is either currently under review or due for review in 2024.</p> <p>Committee discussed progress on review of guidelines on the website and those currently in development including:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good practice recommendations for treatment of candidaemia and the use of antifungal agents.</li> <li>• Good practice recommendations on use of triazole antifungal agents in chronic respiratory disease.</li> <li>• Good practice prescribing recommendations for antifungal stewardship in haematology.</li> <li>• SIGN 160 - Management of suspected bacterial lower urinary tract (UTI) infection in adult women.</li> <li>• Chloramphenicol prescribing in adult patients</li> <li>• Guidance on initial antibiotic management of neutropenic sepsis/febrile neutropenia in adult cancer patients (including haemato-oncology).</li> </ul>
7.	<p><b>Antimicrobial companion app and move of guidelines to Right Decision Service (RDS) platform (paper 5)</b></p> <p>Update provided on UKCA accreditation for gentamicin and vancomycin calculators and also highlighted process of the antimicrobial companion app moving to RDS platform.</p> <p>The standard operating procedures for RDS content has been updated. There will be more visibility of authorship and governance processes and new guidance on accessibility.</p> <p>Additional support will be available to boards for the transition which will be completed by early April.</p>
8.	<p><b>SAPG@15 Event evaluation (paper 6)</b></p> <p>A very successful event and thanked all the speakers and also MP for organising. Presentations and videos will be uploaded onto SAPG website.</p>
9.	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Hospital Electronic Prescribing and Medication Administration (HEPMA)</b></li> </ul> <p>GGC recently had HEPMA updated and can now include indication for antibiotic use although not yet live.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Out of Hours (OOHs)</b></li> </ul> <p>OOHs senior management team have confirmed they are happy for SONAAR team to capture OOH prescribing for respiratory tract infections.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Scottish Patient Safety Programme (SPSP)</b></li> </ul> <p>SPSP have updated sepsis driver diagram and change package, to incorporate antimicrobial and diagnostic stewardship. Will be sent for consultation and comment to ASAP, SANG and SAPG in due course.</p>
10.	<p><b>Date of next meeting – 06 February 2024</b></p> <p>Following meeting – 23 April 2024</p>

**Present (39):**

**SAPG Project Board**

Dr Stephanie Dundas, (Vice Chair), Consultant in Infectious Diseases, NHS Lanarkshire

Mrs Fran Kerr, Project Lead, Scottish Antimicrobial Prescribing Group

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

Mr Alex McEwan, Senior Policy Officer, AMR team, Scottish Government

Ms Sabine Nolte, Principal Educator, NHS Education for Scotland

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

Mr Jamie Stewart, AMR Team Leader, Scottish Government

**SAPG Support Services**

Ms Marion Pirie, Project Officer, Scottish Antimicrobial Prescribing Group

Mrs Jill Booth, Pharmacist, Scottish Antimicrobial Prescribing Group and Health Improvement Scotland

Dr Regina Esiovwa, Health Services Researcher, Scottish Antimicrobial Prescribing Group

**National Services Scotland**

Liam Bainbridge, Information Analyst, SONAAR Programme, ARHAI Scotland  
Karen Gronkowski, Senior Information Analyst, SONAAR Programme, ARHAI Scotland  
Polly Russell, Information Analyst, SONAAR Programme, ARHAI Scotland

**Antimicrobial Management Teams**

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  
Dr Mairi Cullen, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Highland  
Dr David Griffith, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Fife  
Dr Edward James, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Borders  
Dr Busi Mooka, Consultant Physician, NHS Tayside  
Mrs Alison MacDonald, Area Antimicrobial Pharmacist, NHS Highland  
Carol Philip, Lead Antimicrobial Pharmacist, NHS Lothian (*deputising for Simon Dewar*)  
Dr Jon van Aartsen, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Dumfries & Galloway

**Representing professional groups and specialties**

Mr Gordon Adamson, Lead Antimicrobial Pharmacist, NHS Golden Jubilee  
Ms Ysobel Gourlay, Lead Antimicrobial Pharmacist, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde  
Dr Mairi Macleod, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (Scottish Microbiology and Virology Network)  
Fiona McDonald, Specialist Pharmacist – Antibiotics, NHS Grampian (Association of Scottish Antimicrobial Pharmacists)  
Mrs Jo McEwen, Antimicrobial Nurse Specialist, NHS Tayside (Scottish Antimicrobial Nursing Group)  
Dr Deirdre O’Driscoll, General Practitioner, Glasgow  
Pamela Innes, Senior Prescribing Support Pharmacist NHS GG&C (Scottish Prescribing Advisers Association)  
Dr Ben Parcell, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Tayside (Infection Control Doctors Group)  
Professor Andrew Smith, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (Dental)  
Mrs Diane Stark, Senior Nurse Infection Control, ARHAI Scotland (*deputising for Nykoma Hamilton*)  
Dr Robbie Weir, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Forth Valley  
Dr Sarah Whitehead, Consultant Microbiologist, Golden Jubilee and the Scottish Ambulance Service  
Mr Samuel Whiting, Infection Control Manager, NHS Borders (Infection Control Managers Group)

**Public partner:**

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**Guest/Observers:**

Eilidh Clark, Antimicrobial Pharmacist, NHS Ayrshire & Arran  
Claire Mitchell, Antimicrobial Pharmacist - Primary Care, NHS Dumfries & Galloway  
Scott Gillen, Antimicrobial Pharmacist, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde

**Apologies:**

Professor Marion Bennie, Chief Pharmacist, Public Health Scotland  
Graeme Bryson, Director of Pharmacy, NHS Dumfries & Galloway  
Dr Scott Davidson, Deputy Medical Director of Acute Services in GG&C (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  
Dr John Harden, Consultant in Emergency Medicine, NHS Lanarkshire, and National Clinical Lead for Quality & Safety Scottish Government  
Nykoma Hamilton, Infection Prevention Control Nurse, NHS Fife, (Infection Prevention Society)  
Kirsten Hill, Antimicrobial/HIV Pharmacist, NHS Tayside (Association of Scottish Antimicrobial Pharmacists)  
Elaine Kettings, Associate Nurse Director, NHS Golden Jubilee  
Dr Charis Marwick, Clinical Senior Lecturer, University of Dundee (Research representative)  
Aidan Morrison, Senior Information Analyst, SONAAR Programme, ARHAI Scotland  
Dr Dave Rigby, General Practitioner, NHS Western Isles  
Jayne Walden, Antimicrobial/OPAT Nurse, NHS Dumfries  
Dr Becky Wilson, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Grampian & NHS Orkney

