

**Approved Minutes of Scottish Antimicrobial Prescribing Group Committee Meeting
held on Tuesday 24 October 2023 at 1-3pm via MS Teams**

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

<p>1.</p>	<p>Welcome, apologies for absence and declaration of interests The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed new member, Gordon Adamson, Antimicrobial Pharmacist, NHS Golden Jubilee, covering as Lead Pharmacist and observer, Eilidh Clark, Antimicrobial Pharmacist, NHS Ayrshire & Arran.</p> <p>Appointments to SAPG Health Services Researcher - Dr Regina Esiovwa, Healthcare Improvement Scotland GP representative - Dr Dave Rigby, General Practitioner, NHS Western Isles Vice Chair - Dr Stephanie Dundas, Infectious Diseases Consultant, NHS Lanarkshire</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>2.</p>	<p>Minutes and actions from previous meeting (<i>papers 1,2</i>) The minutes of the meeting held on 22 August 2023 were accepted as an accurate record.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Review of recent trends on antibiotic use in primary care in Scotland Most recent data presented on the trends in antibiotic use in Scotland. As a result of data issues within the national datamart on medicines use the presentation focused on recent trends on use of antibiotics commonly used for respiratory infection (e-message) only.</p> <p>Since August meeting of SAPG there have been issues with currency of weekly e-message data as a result of introduction of new systems for processing prescriptions for medicines prescribed and dispensed in the community. It has not been possible to produce weekly data to share with SAPG since the last meeting.</p> <p>The SONAAR Programme will continue to monitor and when data are up to date they will resume issue of reporting weekly numbers to SAPG and AMTs.</p>
<p>Items for discussion and agreement:</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Neutropenic sepsis guideline (<i>papers 3,4,5,6</i>) An update was provided on the review of the guidance following the discussion at the SAPG meeting on 22 August 2023 and responses received following consultation.</p> <p>Summary of timeline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The guidance on initial antibiotic management of neutropenic sepsis/febrile neutropenia in adult cancer patients (including haemato-oncology) was due for review in July 2022. • June 2023: Proposed changes to the guidance were presented and the group who agreed to explore the development of a low risk pathway. • August 2023 an updated version of the original guidance and a new low risk pathway was presented. • Following the August meeting both policies were sent out for consultation and comments received were collated.

	<p>All comments received as part of the consultation had been anonymised, themed and presented in the tabled paper. The following points required agreement:</p> <p>Initial management of neutropenic sepsis guidance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MASCC (Multinational Association for Supportive Care in Cancer) score as part of initial assessment • Antibiotic choice in penicillin allergy in particular the role of ceftazidime, aztreonam, meropenem and aminoglycosides <p>Low risk pathway</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place of low risk pathway in treatment and practicalities of assessing low risk • Choice of antimicrobial therapy • Is Pseudomonal cover required for all patients? • Duration of antimicrobial therapy <p>Agreed short life working group to be established to review draft guidance and comments with input from haematology and oncology colleagues.</p>
5.	<p>SIGN 160 - Management of suspected bacterial lower urinary tract (UTI) infection in adult women</p> <p>The committee discussed current SIGN 160 guidance and differences between SIGN and NICE guidance</p> <p>Committee discussed current use of dipstick testing.</p> <p>It was proposed SAPG Committee wait until SIGN 160 has undergone review process and discuss again once updated version has been published in case evidence has changed.</p>
Items for update:	
6.	<p>Good practice recommendations (GPRs) for antifungal stewardship in haemato-oncology</p> <p>GPRs were sent out for consultation following the last SAPG Committee meeting and received no concerns over current content. If no further comments are received the guideline will be republished. During this process will also consider looking at developing broader guidance on antifungal stewardship.</p>
7.	<p>SAPG guideline review proposal (paper 7)</p> <p>An SBAR was tabled which provided a proposal for the fast-track review of SAPG guidance which is either currently out of date or due for review in 2024. It was explained that some of the guidance had been highlighted as suitable for fast-track review. Group went through the table contained within the SBAR and outlined the proposal for the review of each guideline.</p>
8.	<p>Antimicrobial companion app update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress of ongoing work to obtain UK Conformity Assessed (UKCA) accreditation discussed
9.	<p>Campaign for World AMR Awareness Week (WAAW) – November 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Health Organisation has changed the title to “World AMR Awareness Week.” • Scottish Government is leading an antibiotic amnesty. • Overarching theme agreed for Scotland is sustainability. Within the hospital setting looking at sustainability viewpoint from an IVOST perspective. • Scottish Government have released promotional material which is applicable to community pharmacy. • Provided link to UK antibiotic campaign World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week (WAAW) and European Antibiotic Awareness Day (EAAD)
10.	<p>The Commonwealth Partnerships for Antimicrobial Stewardship (CwPAMS)</p> <p>CwPAMS scheme is funded by the UK Department for Health and Social Care’s Fleming Fund.</p>

	<p>CwPAMS 1 (April 2019-April 2020) involved two hospitals. Main project focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Point prevalence survey • Education in AMS • Hospital based AMS team that reports to ADTC • Behaviour-change interventions supported by Change Exchange <p>CwPAMS 2 (May 2023-December 2024) involves six hospitals. Main project focus:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To establish a regional AMS collaborative • Across a hospital network of six hospitals • With focus on improving prescribing in patients with pneumonia and in prevention of surgical site infections <p>Expecting seven colleagues from Ghana to come in November 2023 and will attend SAPG@15 event.</p>
11.	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colistin guidance published • APMO AMS evidence observatory bulletin
12.	<p>Date of next meeting – 12 December Following meeting – 06 February 2024 Registration now open for SAPG@15 Event on Friday, 24 November 2023,</p>

Present (38):

SAPG Project Board

Professor Marion Bennie, Chief Pharmacist, Public Health Scotland
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
Ms Sabine Nolte, Principal Educator, NHS Education for Scotland
Dr 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 Esiova, Health Services Researcher, Scottish Antimicrobial Prescribing Group

National Services Scotland

Karen Gronkowski, Senior Information Analyst, SONAAR Programme, ARHAI Scotland
Aidan Morrison, Senior Information Analyst, SONAAR Programme, ARHAI Scotland
Ms Polly Russell, Information Analyst, SONAAR Programme, ARHAI Scotland

Antimicrobial Management Teams

Dr Ursula Altmeyer, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Ayrshire and Arran
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
Evelyn Yoong, Antimicrobial Pharmacist, NHS Dumfries & Galloway, (*deputising for Dr Jon van Aartsen*)
Mrs Alison MacDonald, Area Antimicrobial Pharmacist, NHS Highland

Representing professional groups and specialties

Mr Gordon Adamson, Lead Antimicrobial Pharmacist, NHS Golden Jubilee
Ms Ysobel Gourlay, Lead Antimicrobial Pharmacist, NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde
Kirsten Hill, Antimicrobial/HIV Pharmacist, NHS Tayside (Association of Scottish Antimicrobial Pharmacists)
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 Deirdre O'Driscoll, General Practitioner, Glasgow
Mrs Laura Pelan, Prescribing Support Pharmacist, NHS GG&C (Scottish Prescribing Advisers Association)
Dr Ben Parcell, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Tayside (Infection Control Doctors Group)
Dr Dave Rigby, General Practitioner, NHS Western Isles
Professor Andrew Smith, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (Dental)
Dr Sarah Whitehead, Consultant Microbiologist, Golden Jubilee and the Scottish Ambulance Service
Mr Samuel Whiting, Infection Control Manager, NHS Borders (Infection Control Managers Group)
Theresa Williamson, Associate Nurse Director, Golden Jubilee National Hospital (SEND)
Ms Julie Wilson, AMR Manager, ARHAI Scotland

Public partner:

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Guest/Observers:

Eilidh Clark, Antimicrobial Pharmacist, NHS Ayrshire & Arran
Claire Mitchell, Antimicrobial Pharmacist - Primary Care, NHS Dumfries & Galloway

Apologies:

Dr Vhairi Bateman, Consultant in Infectious Diseases and Microbiology, NHS Grampian
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)

Fiona McDonald, Specialist Pharmacist – Antibiotics, NHS Grampian (Association of Scottish Antimicrobial Pharmacists)

Mrs Diane Stark, Infection Prevention and Control Nurse, NHS Highland (Infection Prevention Society)

Dr Jon van Aartsen, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Dumfries & Galloway

Jayne Walden, Antimicrobial/OPAT Nurse, NHS Dumfries

Dr Robbie Weir, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Forth Valley

Dr Becky Wilson, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Grampian & NHS Orkney