A quick overview of the latest guidance and evidence on current issues such as smoking, sexual health, health inequalities, mental health, obesity, substance abuse, women’s health – in fact anything that you ask for!

If you have a topic suggestion, please email it to Rachel Posaner. Previous searches can be found at: http://bit.ly/1H6QOqk

Department of Health

Advisory committee on antimicrobial resistance and healthcare associated infections: annual reports (Feb. 2015)

Information and resources on the government’s plans to slow the growth of antimicrobial resistance. (resource collection; last updated Aug. 2014)

AMR: summary of the current evidence (Dec. 2014)

Tackling Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR): government response (Sept. 2014)

UK Strategy

UK 5 Year Antimicrobial Resistance Strategy 2013 to 2018


Public Health England

Antibiotic Guardian (Campaign developed by PHE and the DH)

Antimicrobial prescribing and stewardship competencies (Oct. 2013)

Healthcare associated infections (HCAI): guidance, data and analysis (resource collection)

From evidence into action: opportunities to protect and improve the nation’s health (AMR as one of PHE’s priorities for the next five years) (Oct. 2014)

PHE responses to recent reports on AMR

New report shows stark effect of antibiotic resistance

World Health Organization

Antimicrobial resistance (Fact sheet No. 194, updated April 2015)

Antimicrobial resistance in the European Region (overview of resources)

WHO report finds systems to combat antibiotic resistance lacking (April 2015)

New report: antibiotic resistance a global health threat (April 2015)

The role of pharmacist in encouraging prudent use of antibiotic medicines and averting antimicrobial resistance – a review of current policies and experiences in Europe (Nov. 2014)

Surveillance data

Worldwide country situation analysis: response to antimicrobial resistance (April 2015)

New data on antibiotic use in European Region (March 2014)

Prevalence of antimicrobial resistance in the WHO European Region

Strategies

Strategies for global surveillance of antimicrobial resistance (Oct. 2013)

The evolving threat of antimicrobial resistance - Options for action (published in 2012)

European strategic action plan on antibiotic resistance (June 2011)

Global action plan on antimicrobial resistance
PHE welcomes World Health Organization report on global issue of antimicrobial resistance
(on WHO global report on AMR surveillance)

PHE welcomes publication of Science and Technology Committee report on antibiotic resistance
(on Select Committee report on access to working antimicrobials)

House of Commons Science and Technology Select Committee

1st Report - Ensuring access to working antimicrobials
(July 2014)

Ministers must stop unnecessary use of antibiotics in healthcare and farming (July 2014)

Response from Research Councils UK on this report, published Oct. 2014

NICE

Safeguarding our defences against disease: NICE sets out approaches to stop infections developing resistance to antimicrobial medicines
(= Measures for health and social care providers to help tackle the growing threat of AMR; Feb. 2015)

Tackling the rise in antibiotic resistance
(= Announcement of two new guidelines to be published in due course; Oct. 2014)

Antimicrobial stewardship - changing risk-related behaviours in the general population (guideline due to be published March 2016)

NHS Choices

The Antibiotic Awareness Campaign

Royal College of General Practitioners

TARGET Antibiotics Toolkit

National Summit calls for ‘rollback’ of antibiotic prescribing (Nov. 2014)

RCGP responses to recent publications on AMR
RCGP response to Review on Antimicrobial Resistance (May 2015)

European Commission

Antimicrobial resistance: Policy

European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control

Antimicrobial resistance (overview)

ECDC welcomes the endorsement of the global action plan on antimicrobial resistance by the World Health Assembly (June 2015)


ECDC/EFSA/EMA first joint report on the integrated analysis of the consumption of antimicrobial agents and occurrence of antimicrobial resistance in bacteria from humans and food-producing animals (Jan. 2015)

Surveillance networks

Antimicrobial Resistance and Healthcare-associated Infections Programme

European Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance Network (EARS-Net)

European Surveillance of Antimicrobial Consumption Network (ESAC-Net)

Healthcare-associated Infections Surveillance Network (HAI-Net)

NHS Evidence

Antibiotic overuse: a key driver of antimicrobial resistance

Antimicrobial resistance: addressing the global threat through greater awareness and transformative action

Antimicrobial resistance: risk associated with antibiotic overuse and initiatives to reduce the problem

Antimicrobial resistance and public health : evidence briefing (ESRC; May 2015)

Reviving old antibiotics
RCGP response to new NICE guidelines on resistance to antibiotics (Feb. 2015)

RCGP response to Public Health England report on antibiotics (Oct. 2014)

RCGP comment on Public Health England report on antibiotics prescribing (Aug. 2014)

RCGP statement in response to Government announcement on antimicrobial resistance (July 2014)

Royal College of Nursing


Infection prevention and control within health and social care: commissioning, performance management and regulation arrangements (England) (Feb. 2015)

Royal Society of Chemistry

Tackling antimicrobial resistance

From Chemistry World: Review plots path to face down antimicrobial resistance deaths (Feb. 2015)

Antimicrobial resistance will kill 300 million by 2050 without action (Dec. 2014)

Infection Prevention Society

IPS South West - 9th June 2015 – Exeter (includes presentations on AMR)

UK Faculty of Public Health

Joint Statement on Antimicrobial Resistance

Health workers urged to get tough on antibiotics (July 2014)

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Antimicrobial Resistance: The Major Contribution of Poor Governance and Corruption to This Growing Problem

HMIC


A systematic review and meta-analysis of the effects of antibiotic consumption on antibiotic resistance. (Bell, BG: BMC Infectious Diseases, Vol 14, no 13, 2014)

Antibacterial usage in English NHS hospitals as part of a national Antimicrobial Stewardship Programme. (Cooke et al.: Public Health 2014; 128 (8): 693-697 (August 2014))

The greatest public health threat of our time. (Simmonds, C.: Antimicrobial drug resistance: the end of modern medicine?, Supplement to the New Statesman, July 4, 2014., p 4-7.)

What next, when the drugs won't work?. (Goldsmith, Z.: Antimicrobial drug resistance: the end of modern medicine?, Supplement to the New Statesman, July 4, 2014., p 3.)
European Public Health Alliance

New report exposes link between global pharmaceutical production and anti-microbial resistance (June 2015)

RAND Corporation

G7 Leaders to Discuss Threat of Antimicrobial Resistance (June 2015)

Prescribing Antibiotics for Acute Respiratory Infections: Practice Doesn't Always Make Perfect (April 2015)

Ringing the Alarm Bell for Antimicrobial Resistance (Feb. 2015)

Estimating the economic costs of antimicrobial resistance (Dec. 2014)

Who Killed Mrs X? The Global Threat of Antimicrobial Resistance (Sept. 2013)

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Antimicrobial resistance is a social problem requiring a social solution (May 2015)

Countries are ill prepared to fight antimicrobial resistance, WHO says (April 2015)

Government’s antimicrobial resistance strategy will have real impact, UK ministers promise (May 2014)

Antimicrobial resistance will surge unless use of antibiotics in animal feed is reduced (Oct. 2013)

Antimicrobial resistance presents an “apocalyptic” threat similar to that of climate change, CMO warns (March 2013)

Antimicrobial resistance—an unfolding catastrophe (refers to news item above; March 2013)

The new UK antimicrobial resistance strategy and action plan (March 2013)

The true cost of antimicrobial resistance (March 2013)

The Conversation

Explainer: what is KPC and should I be worried about these superbugs? (June 2015)

Innovative plan is welcome change from 30 fruitless
years of antibiotic research  (May 2015)

No, you don’t have to finish all your antibiotics (April 2015)

Study finds widespread antibiotic resistance in nature  (May 2014)

Infection control: why doctors over-prescribe antibiotics (March 2014)

Health Check: should I use antibacterial hand sanitisers?  (Jan. 2014)