

Taking ANTIBIOTICS when you don't need them puts you and your family at risk

Keep **Anti**biotics Working



Lowering Anti-Microbial Prescribing (LAMP) - an Audit and Feedback project for the General Practices in the West Yorkshire and Harrogate Health and Care Partnership

This year is flying by as we continue to send out audit and feedback reports to local general practices about their antibiotic prescribing. We've been working on report 5 already; the working group has taken a look and we are on schedule to send these reports out to practices before the end of November 2019.

LAMP is a programme where we draw on the expertise of local academics at Leeds University in conjunction with the CCG medicines optimisation teams, Public Health England and the CCG R&D team to produce audit and feedback reports tailored to each individual practice in our area. LAMP builds on audit and feedback work we have been carrying out over the last few years and follows on from the [CROP](#) and [RETHINK](#) projects.

The volume of evidence and information on antibiotic prescribing is large; trying to condense this into succinct, meaningful snippets of information takes time. With that in mind we have recently started sharing evidence via the Learning Toolbox app (developed through the [Learning Layers](#) research project) so that we can include much more background information and evidence alongside the reports we send to our local GPs.

Using Learning Toolbox allows us to ensure that items such as those recently developed by the [TARGET](#) group at the RCGP and the recently launched [PHE](#) Keep Antibiotics Working campaign are all available at the click of a mouse.

Report 5 has a focus on respiratory tract infections. This is particularly important at this time of year as we see a marked rise in prescribing for this issue. There is also a local initiative, [Seriously Resistant](#), designed to ensure that we use antibiotics appropriately to ensure that we are not contributing further to antimicrobial resistance.

As part of LAMP our local GPs receive information about practice-based prescribing on 10 areas of antibiotic prescribing chosen by the medicines optimisation teams working in the CCGs. Each practice can receive the report in 3 ways:

1. A paper copy received through the post;
2. A pdf version emailed to the general practice via the medicines optimisation team;
3. An accessible electronic version, accessed via the Learning Toolbox, which can be viewed either via a PC or on a smartphone or tablet. Each practice has been sent a code to access their specific reports.

There has been some really positive engagement and we have had lots of encouraging responses from practices about how helpful it's been to take a good look at their prescribing habits, especially in this area of national concern.

The current plan is to keep reporting to the practices until at least April 2021, and perhaps even longer as this remains a national and international issue for us all.