



Healthcare
Improvement
Scotland

SAPG
Safeguarding
antibiotics

Objectives for SAPG Dental sub-group

Our group has agreed some initial objectives to support optimisation of prescribing in dental settings:

- Improving information on dental antibiotic use
- Maximising use of nationally available information on dental prescribing to drive quality improvement
- Evaluating whether phenoxymethylpenicillin rather than amoxicillin should be used as the first line beta-lactam on choice in dental infections in Scotland
- Investigating indications for metronidazole use in dental infections in Scotland
- Sharing best practice on quality improvement and behaviour change in dental prescribing
- Through collaboration with SMVN investigate opportunities for improvement in surveillance of resistance among key dental organisms
- Supporting collaboration with dental stewardship community across all settings
- Evaluating practice in antibiotic prescribing for severe odontogenic infections
- Supporting a standard approach to antimicrobial stewardship in undergraduate dental programmes