

**Approved Minutes of Scottish Antimicrobial Prescribing Group Committee Meeting  
held on Tuesday 06 June 2023 at 1-3pm via MS Teams**

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

1	<p><b>Welcome, apologies for absence and declaration of interests</b></p> <p>The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed Dr Jon van Aartsen, Consultant Microbiologist who replaces Sharon Irvine as AMT Lead for NHS Dumfries &amp; Galloway. Dr Virginia Santiago, General Practitioner has taken up a new role in Spain although will continue to support the SAPG out of hours work remotely.</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>
2	<p><b>Minutes and actions from previous meeting (papers 1,2)</b></p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 25 April 2023 were accepted as an accurate record.</p>
3	<p><b>Review of recent trends on antibiotic use in primary care in Scotland</b></p> <p>Most recent data presented on the trends in antibiotic use 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>
4	<p><b>Patient Group Direction (PGD) (papers 3,4,5,6,7,8)</b></p> <p>Pharmacy First advised the following are due for three yearly review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PGD to allow the supply of aciclovir for the management of Herpes Zoster (Shingles) infection in patients over 18 years of age</li> <li>• PGD to allow the supply of flucloxacillin for the management of skin infection in patients over 18 years of age</li> </ul> <p>FK asked the group to review and agree proposed amendments.</p>
5	<p><b>Neutropenic Sepsis guideline review (paper 9)</b></p> <p>The three yearly review of the 2019 SAPG “Guidance on initial antibiotic management of neutropenic sepsis/febrile neutropenia in adult cancer patients (including haemato-oncology)” was due in July 2022. FK explained that a literature search and evidence review were undertaken by Healthcare Improvement Scotland information scientists and health service researchers in consultation with the SAPG Project Lead. The resultant proposed changes to the 2019 guidance, together with the associated evidence, were presented in an SBAR for SAPG consideration which FK summarised for the group.</p> <p>FK agreed to explore options to further develop the guideline, including a new separate low risk pathway, and present at next meeting.</p>
<p><b>Items for discussion and agreement:</b></p>	
6	<p><b>Scottish Antimicrobial Nurses Group (SANG) – presentation</b></p> <p>Jo McEwan reported this is the first survey conducted which incorporates local intelligence in exploring the knowledge, awareness and application of key AMS principles in nursing and midwifery practice. Having knowledge and skills in AMS promotes capability; beliefs around</p>

	capability promote motivation and creating a social culture enables opportunity to perform a behaviour. This survey has demonstrated that by including AMS within the nursing and midwifery curriculum or CPD, AMS behaviors' are applied within clinical practice.
<b>Items for update:</b>	
<b>7</b>	<p><b>The following groups gave a verbal update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scottish Government</li> <li>• Association of Scottish Antimicrobial Pharmacists (ASAP)</li> <li>• Scottish Antimicrobial Nurses Group (SANG)</li> <li>• Dental Stewardship Steering Group (DSSG)</li> <li>• Outpatient Parenteral Antimicrobial Therapy (OPAT)</li> <li>• Paediatric Stewardship Steering Group (PSSG)</li> <li>• NHS Education for Scotland (NES)</li> <li>• Scottish Microbiology Virology Network (SMVN) Group</li> </ul>
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Items for information</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SAPG Vice Chair and GP representative recruitment update</li> <li>• SAPG HSR appointed</li> </ul>
<b>9</b>	The <a href="#">OPAT Good practice prescribing guide</a> have now been published on the SAPG website.
<b>10</b>	<b>AOCB</b>
<b>12</b>	<p><b>Date of next meeting – 22 August 2023</b> Following meeting – 24 October 2023</p> <p>SAPG is celebrating its 15<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. A face-to-face event to celebrate the past present and future of SAPG will be held in November</p> <p>Chair reminded members to complete their Declaration of Interests and return to MP.</p>

**Present (35):**

**SAPG Project Board**

Dr Kate Anderson, AMR/HCAI Policy Unit, Scottish Government  
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  
Mrs Alison Wilson, Director of Pharmacy, NHS Borders

**SAPG Support Services**

Ms Marion Pirie, Project Officer, Scottish Antimicrobial Prescribing Group  
Mrs Jill Booth, Pharmacist, Scottish Antimicrobial Prescribing Group and Health Improvement Scotland

**National Services Scotland**

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

**Antimicrobial Management Teams**

Dr Ursula Altmeyer, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Ayrshire and Arran  
Dr Vhairi Bateman, Consultant in Infectious Diseases and Microbiology, NHS Grampian  
Dr Mairi Cullen, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Highland  
Dr Simon Dewar, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Lothian  
Dr Stephanie Dundas, Consultant in Infectious Diseases, NHS Lanarkshire  
Dr David Griffith, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Fife  
Dr Robbie Weir, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Forth Valley  
Dr Jon van Aartsen, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Dumfries & Galloway

**Representing professional groups and specialties**

Professor Alexander Crichton, Honorary Clinical Senior Lecturer, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (Dental)  
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 Busi Mooka, Consultant Physician, NHS Tayside  
Dr Ben Parcell, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Tayside (Infection Control Doctors Group)  
Professor Andrew Smith, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde (Dental)  
Jayne Walden, Antimicrobial/OPAT Nurse, NHS Dumfries  
Mr Samuel Whiting, Infection Control Manager, NHS Borders (Infection Control Managers Group)  
Dr Sarah Whitehead, Consultant Microbiologist, Golden Jubilee and the Scottish Ambulance Service  
Ms Julie Wilson, AMR Manager, ARHAI Scotland

**Public partner:**

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**Guest/Observers:**

Scott Gillen, Antimicrobial Pharmacist, Greater Glasgow & Clyde

**Apologies:**

Professor Marion Bennie, Chief Pharmacist, Public Health Scotland  
Dr Adam Brown, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Highland  
Dr Scott Davidson, Deputy Medical Director of Acute Services in GG&C (SAMD)  
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 Edward James, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Borders  
Dr John Harden, Consultant in Emergency Medicine, NHS Lanarkshire, and National Clinical Lead for Quality & Safety Scottish Government

Ms Susan Kafka, Advanced Pharmacist - Paediatric Antimicrobials & Medicine, NHS GG&C (Paediatrics)  
Fiona McDonald, Specialist Pharmacist – Antibiotics, NHS Grampian (Association of Scottish Antimicrobial Pharmacists)  
Mrs Alison MacDonald, Area Antimicrobial Pharmacist, NHS Highland  
Dr Deirdre O’Driscoll, General Practitioner, Glasgow  
Mrs Laura Pelan, Prescribing Support Pharmacist, NHS GG&C (Scottish Prescribing Advisers Association)  
Mrs Diane Stark, Infection Prevention and Control Nurse, NHS Highland (Infection Prevention Society)  
Theresa Williamson, Associate Nurse Director, Golden Jubilee National Hospital (SEND)  
Dr Becky Wilson, Consultant Microbiologist, NHS Grampian & NHS Orkney