

**Reference:** FOI.ICB-2526/211

**Subject:** Antimicrobial Stewardship (AMS)

*I can confirm that the ICB does hold the information requested; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>I wish to understand any initiatives, programmes or schemes that have been, or in the previous 3 years, undertaken in your ICB area related to Antimicrobial Stewardship (AMS).</p> <p>Specifically I am interested in initiatives, programmes or schemes that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aim to reduce antibiotic prescribing (measured through Antibiotics per STAR PU or volume of antibiotic prescribing, e.g. <a href="https://openprescribing.net/measure/all_antibiotics/">https://openprescribing.net/measure/all_antibiotics/</a>)</li> <li>Aim to reduce the use of broad spectrum antibiotics (co-amoxiclav, cephalosporins and quinolones, e.g. <a href="https://openprescribing.net/measure/broad_spectrum/">https://openprescribing.net/measure/broad_spectrum/</a>)</li> <li>Aim to reduce the course length of amoxicillin 500mg (e.g. <a href="https://openprescribing.net/measure/amox_500_15_caps/">https://openprescribing.net/measure/amox_500_15_caps/</a>)</li> <li>Aim to reduce the course length of doxycycline 100mg (e.g. <a href="https://openprescribing.net/measure/doxy_100_6_qty/">https://openprescribing.net/measure/doxy_100_6_qty/</a>)</li> </ul> <p>Please can you provide the answers to the following questions:</p>	
1. Has your ICB undertaken any initiatives, programmes or schemes related to Antimicrobial Stewardship, specifically the areas highlighted above, now or in the previous 3 years?	Yes
2. If so, please could you provide details of how the initiatives, programmes or schemes were undertaken. For example;	<p>2023/24:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medicines Safety Project – Antimicrobial Stewardship. Project to review patients on long term antibiotics for acne</li> </ul>

<p>a. Were the initiatives, programmes or schemes undertaken at a GP practice, Primary Care Network (PCN) or ICB level?</p> <p>b. Were the initiatives, programmes or schemes incentivised? If so, could you please provide the details of the incentivisations, e.g. finances allocated, targets assigned or work undertaken by GP practices, PCN or the ICB?</p> <p>c. Was any training or support provided as part of the initiatives, programmes or schemes?</p>	<p>Practice specific project based on practice prescribing data; amoxicillin course length, upper respiratory tract infections prescribing review, reduction of broad spectrum antibiotic prescribing. Most practices undertook a project to reduce course lengths of amoxicillin where appropriate to 5 days.</p> <p>a) GP level</p> <p>b) Financially incentivised, review of certain number of patients, meeting target or plan of how to if not met.</p> <p>c) Support to Medicines Optimisation Pharmacists who would then share with practices</p> <p>2024/25:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Antimicrobial Stewardship Training</li> </ul> <p>a) GP level</p> <p>b) Financially incentivised to attend antimicrobial stewardship training</p> <p>c) Yes</p> <p>2025/26:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Medicines safety project – Antimicrobial stewardship project – focusing on antimicrobial stewardship in children or alternative project, either doxycycline 5 days or a review of patients on long term antibiotics if prescribing rates for children low and below the March 2020 baseline.</li> </ul> <p>a) GP level</p> <p>b) Financially incentivised to complete audit and meet targets or showing work towards and action plan</p>
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	c) South West region webinar on prescribing for respiratory tract infections in children. Individual practice presentation including local data on antibiotic prescribing in children presented by medicines optimisation pharmacists.
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***The information provided in this response is accurate as of 10 October 2025 and has been approved for release by Dr Geeta Iyer, Deputy Chief Medical Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.***