

Welcome to World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW). WAAW runs from 18-24 November and is an opportunity to focus antimicrobial stewardship activity and share learning in order to keep antibiotics working. Please see below a range of resources and events to engage with throughout WAAW 2022.

### [WAAW resource toolkit](#)

The annual WAAW/EAAD/AG Resource toolkit for healthcare professionals is available for download [here](#). This toolkit contains a range of digital resources and messaging to support WAAW activity, as well as signposting to content and events from partner organisations.

### Publication of [ESPAUR Report 2021 to 2022](#)

The English surveillance programme for antimicrobial utilisation and resistance (ESPAUR) report will be released on the 21<sup>st</sup> November and will be available [here](#). This report includes national surveillance data on antimicrobial prescribing, resistance, and stewardship.

### [Register for ESPAUR report webinar](#) on Wednesday 23 November

An ESPAUR report webinar will be hosted by the UKHSA on Wednesday 23 November, 2-4:30pm. This will summarise key findings and information from the report and is aimed at healthcare professionals (although everyone is welcome to attend). Please register your attendance [here](#) as places are limited.

The banner features a central purple oval with the text 'ESPAUR Report 2021-22'. Surrounding this are several icons representing different themes: 'ANTIBIOTIC GUARDIAN' (Professional education, training and public engagement), 'COVID-19 Therapeutics', 'Research', 'NHS' (NHS England and NHS Improvement improvement and assurance schemes), 'Antimicrobial Stewardship', 'Antimicrobial consumption', 'Stakeholder engagement', and 'Antimicrobial resistance'. A white box on the right contains the text: 'A summary of key findings Wednesday 23 November Time 2-4.30pm MS Teams interactive meeting'. At the bottom left, it says '250 free spaces available' and at the bottom right, 'Chair: Dr Diane Ashiru-Oredope'. Logos for the UK Health Security Agency and Antibiotic Guardian are also present.

### [Digital Notes](#)

A range of new [digital notes](#) have been created for colleagues to download and share during WAAW. These new notes follow five key themes for WAAW 2022:

**Day 1** – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November: **‘Prevention’** theme (including Infection Prevention and Control measures and vaccination).

**Day 2** – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November: **‘Antimicrobials in clinical practice’** theme (antibiotic course length, promoting shorter course length, empiric prescribing, intravenous-oral switch, promotion of current clinical guidelines).

**Day 3** – Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November: **‘Optimising diagnostics’** theme (increasing understanding of established and innovative methods of detection of infection, antibiotic-resistant or otherwise).

**Day 4** – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November: **‘Antimicrobials and untrue or spurious allergy’** theme (including issues such as untrue penicillin allergy labels and de-labelling spurious antibiotic allergy labels)

**Day 5** – Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November: **‘Antimicrobial resistance and the environment/sustainability and research’** theme (linking AMR with environmental considerations, such as disposal of antibiotics and environmental contamination. One Health approaches to tackling AMR through research may also be highlighted on this day).

The digital notes have been developed by a sub-group of national WAAW and EAAD planning group consisting of colleagues working in primary and secondary care as well as colleagues from the NHS England and Improvement AMR Programme.



Please download and share these digital notes via social media, messaging networks, email and other communications networks during the week. We have included templates for you to create your own custom messages also.

### [NHS England WAAW daily webinar series](#)

To align with each of the daily UK WAAW themes, the AMR Programme at NHS England has arranged a series of five webinars which run throughout the week, from 18-25 November. These webinars require prior registration and so please click [here](#) to find out more about each session and register.

### [Organisational Videos](#)

Please consider using the [quick guide](#) to recording an organisational video for WAAW. We are inviting you and other senior leaders in your organisation to produce a video that will either pledge continued support in tackling AMR, signpost to existing resources or to ‘meet the team’ and put

faces/names to the excellent work of your organisation in tackling AMR. Please read the quick guide and consider producing a video ahead of WAAW, sharing on organisational/personal social media channels, including #AntibioticGuardian, #KeepAntibioticsWorking and #WAAW in your posts.

### Teleconference Backgrounds

Consider downloading and applying one of the new custom [WAAW/EAAD Teleconference backgrounds](#) during (and beyond) WAAW. A special blue background has been created to align with the WHO 'go blue for AMR' campaign, as well as a template for you to include your organisation's logo(s) as appropriate.



### Global Twitter Relay and Hashtags for the week

Join the 24 hour Global Twitter relay in collaboration with US CDC, ECDC and others on 18 November. The set time for the UK is 1 to 2pm GMT. Please continue to tweet at any time but we encourage colleagues to tweet out the same [image and message](#) at 1pm and then your choice of additional messages for the rest of the hour.

Please use hashtags for all social media activity during the week to link to national (#AntibioticGuardian, #KeepAntibioticsWorking) and global health activities (#WAAW2022).



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## [Become an Antibiotic Guardian Schools Ambassador](#)

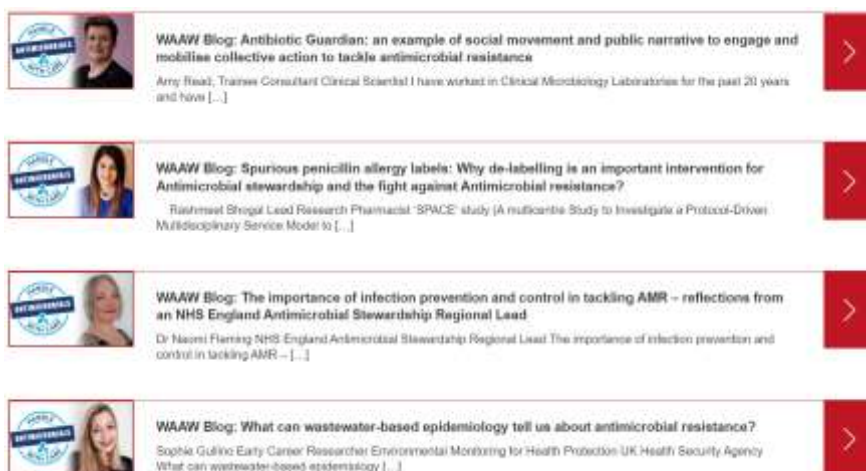
The Antibiotic Guardian Schools Ambassador scheme – now in its fourth year – aims to connect clinical, public health, science and wider professionals with local schools and community groups to share learning with school aged children around hygiene, self-care and tackling AMR.

Please consider registering to become an Ambassador [here](#) and getting in touch with a local school or community group during WAAW (or beyond) to arrange a teaching session. Ambassadors are provided with a toolkit of lesson planning resources, as well as templates for contacting schools, collecting, and submitting feedback and more.



## [WAAW blog collection](#)

Aligned with the daily WAAW themes, a range of WAAW blogs can be found on the Antibiotic Guardian webpage [here](#). These blogs have been produced as a collaboration between colleagues across the system, coordinated by a subgroup of the National WAAW planning group. They include perspectives from those in national and local roles, clinicians, public health professionals and researchers.



## Please cascade information

We encourage you to kindly forward this email and toolkit to other colleagues leading on Antimicrobial Stewardship activities.

## Please find below some suggested actions for busy professionals ahead of WAAW/EAAD:

1. Choose your [Antibiotic Guardian pledge](#) and encourage colleagues, family members and friends to do the same. You may wish to share your pledge on social media platforms to encourage others to join you also. Please include #AntibioticGuardian, #KeepAntibioticsWorking and #WAAW2022 in your social media posts.
2. Register your organisation's AMR awareness activities by using the [online registration form](#) (this will take less than 5 minutes). Following registration, you will receive an email with your certificate for your organisation which can be displayed.
3. Access [digital resources](#) for health care workers that can be used and shared during WAAW. These resources build on those produced in 2020 and 2021, including digital notes, images and Twitter polls.
4. Visit the [NHS Futures AMR Programme website](#) for access to key national guidance, updates and content available relating to infection management and antimicrobial resistance, and as a mechanism to share knowledge and to network with other colleagues across the country.
5. As part of your local WAAW planning, view the recorded '[Planning your local WAAW or EAAD' Knowledge Café](#), which was held by UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA). This includes discussions from a range of colleagues, whilst employing knowledge mobilisation principles to help colleagues plan their local WAAW and signpost to resources.

6. Use the 'Keep Antibiotics Working' resources which are still [available online](#) and free for healthcare professionals to download and use in local awareness campaigns, including during WAAW. The leaflets, posters and social media resources have been translated into 12 additional languages and are [available online](#).

Thank you very much for your ongoing support for WAAW/EAAD/Antibiotic Guardian and doing your part in supporting colleagues to Keep Antibiotics Working. Please do let us know about your activities through the Organisations webpage on Antibiotic Guardian website available [here](#).

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the WAAW/EAAD National planning team at [ESPAUR@ukhsa.gov.uk](mailto:ESPAUR@ukhsa.gov.uk)