

# Questions raised on Antibiotics - March 2015

## Antibiotics

### Department of Health

19<sup>th</sup> March 2015



**Sarah Wollaston** Chair, Health Committee @ 19th March 2015

To ask the [Secretary of State](#) for Health, what assessment Public Health England has made of the effect of remote prescribing of oral antibiotics through online pharmacies on resistance to antibiotics.



**Jane Ellison** The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health @ 19th March 2015

National Health Service community prescriptions, delivered online and in person, are collated by NHS Business Services Authority and shared with the Health and Social Care Information Centre and Public Health England (PHE), through an open government license. PHE, through the English Surveillance Programme on Antimicrobial Utilisation and Resistance, released the first national report collating antibiotic use and resistance across the healthcare economy in 2014. The report is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/english-surveillance-programme-antimicrobial-utilisation-and-resistance-espaur-report>

Antibiotics for neonatal infections – Quality Standard 75.

Published  
December 2014

[Hepatitis B](#) – NICE quality standards Quality Standard 65.

Published July  
2014

Non-antibiotic clinical management of infectious diseases – included in the library of public health [Quality Standards](#).

Published April  
2014

Infection prevention and control – Quality Standard 61.

Published April  
2014

The Department has put in place new requirements for registration with the [Care Quality Commission](#) which require providers to assess the risk of, and prevent, detect and control the spread of healthcare associated infections. These new fundamental standards come into force in April.