

# Questions raised on Antibiotics - February 2015

## Hospitals: Infectious Diseases Department of Health

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015



**Nigel Mills** Conservative, Amber Valley @ 2nd February 2015

To ask the [Secretary of State](#) for Health, what discussions he has had with (a) [NICE](#) and (b) the [Care Quality Commission](#) about healthcare-associated infections in the last 12 months; and what steps he is taking as a result of those discussions.



**Daniel Poulter** The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health @ 2nd February 2015

The Department's work on healthcare associated infections ([HCAIs](#)) with these organisations over the last year has been led by officials and progress on how we are supporting the health service in driving down infections is summarised below.

Relevant work being undertaken by the [National Institute for Health and Care Excellence \(NICE\)](#) or recently completed is shown in the table below.

### NICE GUIDANCE

#### SUBJECT

NICE guidelines: Antimicrobial resistance ([AMR](#)) – changing risk-related behaviours.

Healthcare associated infections: prevention and management

Sepsis – NICE clinical guideline in development with final guidance. [Quality standard](#) will follow approx. 6-12 months after completion of the clinical guideline.

NICE guidelines on Effective Antimicrobial Stewardship.

#### TIMELINE

Expected March 2016

Expected February 2016

Expected 2016

Expected May 2015

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.