



Nottinghamshire Area Prescribing Committee
Antimicrobial Guideline
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The [Antimicrobial Prescribing Guidelines for Primary Care](#) (quick reference guide available [here](#)) has been revised following an update from [Public Health England](#) from October 2017. The main changes have been listed below.

Summary of the main updates

● Sore throat

NICE guideline [NG84] [Sore throat \(acute\): antimicrobial prescribing](#) was published in January 2018. No changes were made to this section of the guideline.

● Scarlet fever

New section added as per [PHE](#) guidance.

● Conjunctivitis

New section on self-care for non-severe disease.

● Sinusitis

Wording changed to reflect new NICE guidance [NG79] [Sinusitis \(acute\): antimicrobial prescribing](#), published in October 2017.

The duration of treatment reduced to 5 days.

Co-amoxiclav was added as a second line as per [PHE](#) guideline.

Addition of erythromycin for pregnant penicillin allergic patients

● Urinary tract infections

Fosfomycin in men, the entry was changed from “3g three days later” to “3g stat on day one plus a further 3g dose on day three”, as per updated [PHE](#) guidance.

Comment regarding the use of nitrofurantoin for lower UTI with eGFR 30-45ml/min - only use if no alternative with safety netting advice.

Comment regarding the safety of pivmecillinam use for treating UTI in pregnancy.

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