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The Antibiotic Cafe

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Contributors

- Academic Health Science Network North East and Cumbria
- Forms part of a bigger Medicines Optimisation collaboration



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The Aim

- **Raise awareness of AMS in clinically futile scenarios**
- BUT do it in a novel way
- MDT steering group including patient representatives

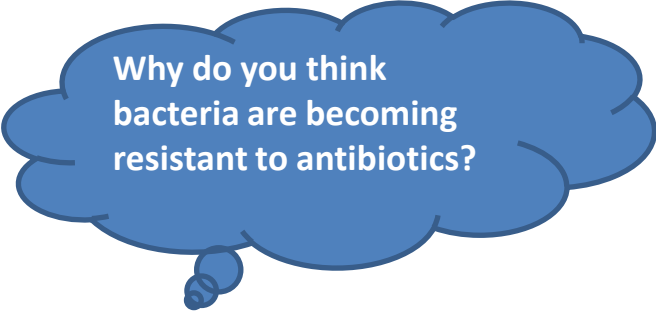
Learning Café

- Previously ran as undergraduate events
- Novel opportunity for Learning at lunch style event
- World café Model adopted

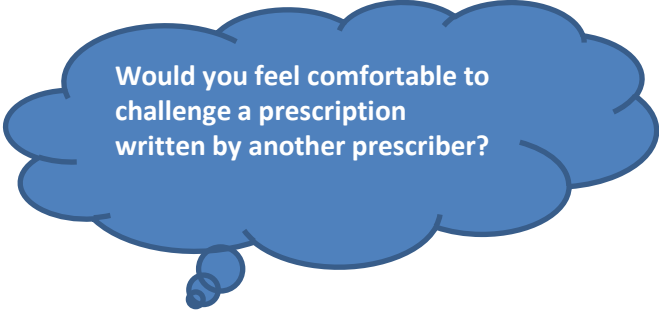


The Topic

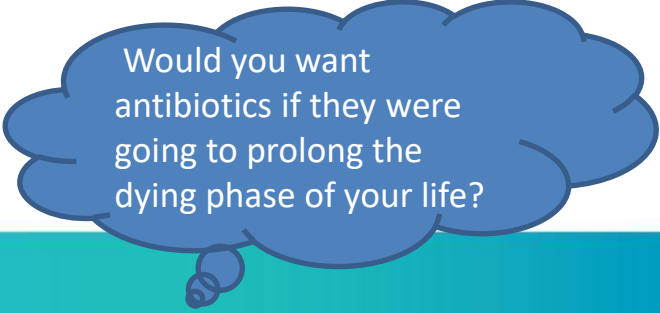
- Identified as a key area for the success of the project
- Needs to have some controversy/uncertainty in it
- Use of antibiotics in ‘Clinically Futile Scenarios’
- Develop the questions



Why do you think bacteria are becoming resistant to antibiotics?



Would you feel comfortable to challenge a prescription written by another prescriber?



Would you want antibiotics if they were going to prolong the dying phase of your life?

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The Cafés

- Strong social media presence
- Total of 4 cafes
- Attended by 123 staff from all professions
- Patient representatives at cafes too



Feedback

- Unanimously positive feedback from staff in attendance
- Staff reported positive behaviour change to antimicrobial prescribing

“Best way to learn. No one professional group hogged the conversation. All views were welcomed, even very opposing views were considered in a very respectful environment.”

“Excellent idea allowing different skill mixes to share experience and knowledge on subjects”

Going forwards

- Regular feature at a number of trust events
 - ‘Grand rounds’
 - Inductions
 - Early years nurse/junior doctor training events
- Production of resource packs and ‘teach the teacher programmes’ to expand

Pitfalls

- Getting it off the ground – social media, merchandise, lunch
- Ensuring staff can attend
- Getting the mix right – rotate the tables

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Thank you
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