

# MEDICINES COMMISSIONING NEWS

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## Assistance for Practices in Identifying and Supporting Stoma Patients

A team of Coloplast Stoma Nurse Specialists work in partnership with the CCGs to offer community stoma care service throughout Worcestershire. Patients are followed up via a clear pathway to ensure they are receiving appropriate support and advice to manage their stoma.

Coloplast are also offering support for practices to identify their stoma patients and assist in engaging them with the local stoma nurse service. This service is fully funded by Coloplast as an aid to improving patient care with respect to the provision and management of ostomy appliance(s) and is delivered remotely by Interface Clinical Services Ltd. (Interface), an independent clinical services provider. Interface has a General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Assurance Statement which can be provided to practices to provide assurance around their compliance with GDPR.

The service is designed to assist practices in implementing a systematic approach to the identification of ostomates across the practice population and to provide insight into the type, order frequency and cost of ostomy appliances and accessories. The service will also facilitate the invitation of patients to enrol with the Coloplast Care patient support programme to improve levels of self-care by providing relevant and appropriate stoma support and education to all registered users. All benchmarking and outcome reports will be provided to the practices as an end to end audit for each practice.

For more information or to request this support contact:

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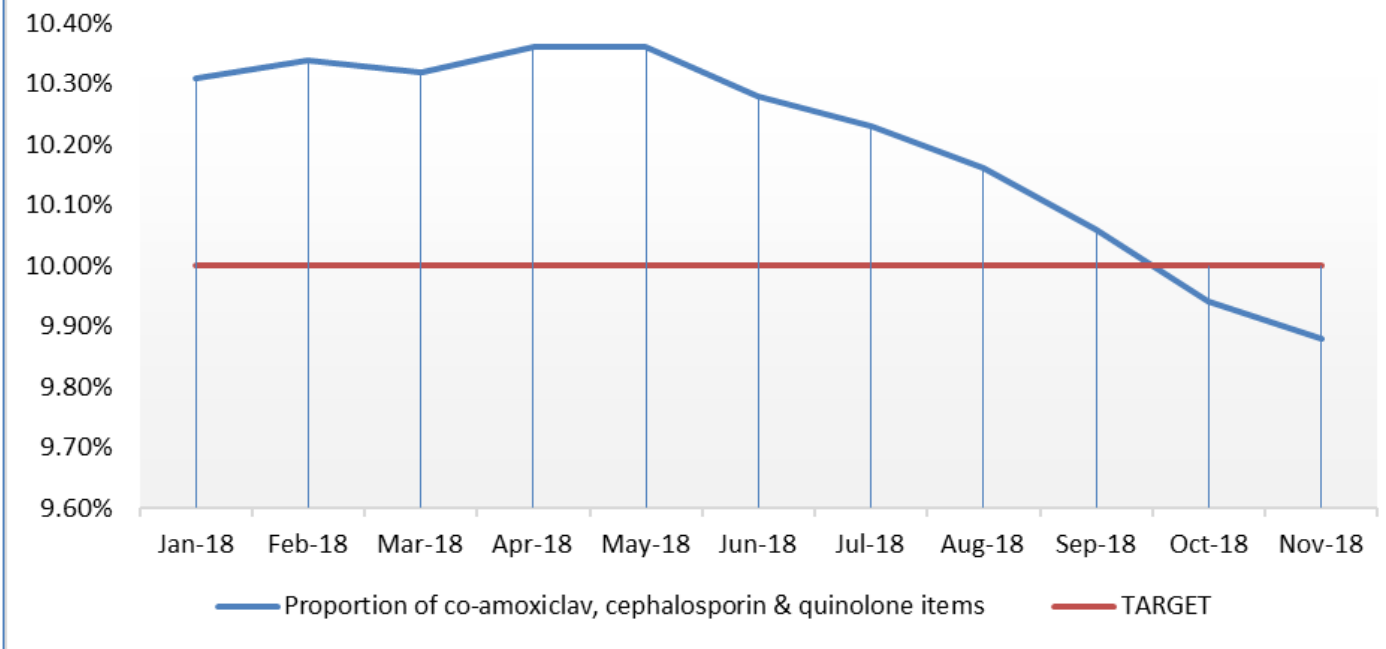
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## Co-Amoxiclav, Cephalosporin and Quinolone Audit feedback

The quarter one audit for the 18/19 PCE contract in South Worcestershire required practices to interrogate their prescribing of broad spectrum antibiotics and check adherence to local prescribing guidelines. Prescribing levels of these antibiotics are monitored closely by NHS England since over-prescribing is associated with increased antimicrobial resistance and an associated increased risk of MRSA and C- *difficile* infections.

The audit has resulted in a marked reduction in the prescribing levels of these agents and has achieved the NHSE target to be below 10% of all antibiotic prescribing, as illustrated in the graph on the next page. This represents a tangible change in prescribing practice and practices are thanked for the work involved to achieve this.

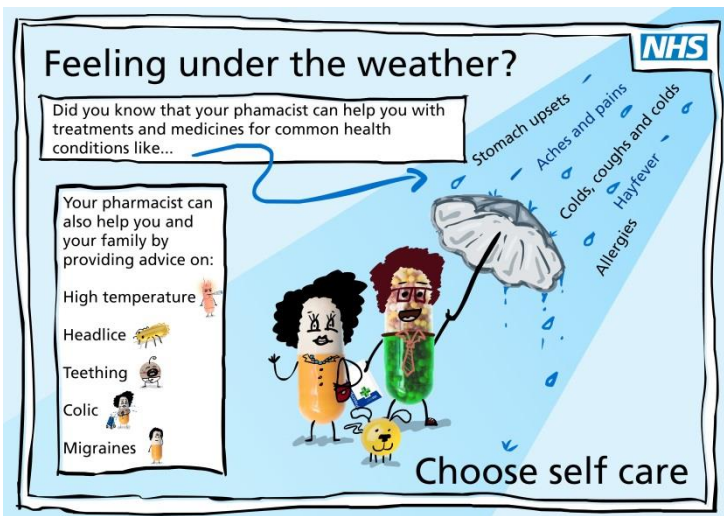
## Co-amoxiclav, cephalosporin & quinolone items as a proportion of all antibiotic prescribing - SWCCG



### Self Care Patient Information Videos

The CCG self care website now includes links to self care videos that have been produced for CCGs by PrescQIPP. One of the videos has subtitles so practices may wish to use this on their waiting area screens.

The videos are on the CCG website: <http://www.worcestershire.nhs.uk/prescribing/otc-meds/>



PrescQIPP also have a range of posters and leaflets like this one for practices to use. They are available on their website:

<https://www.prescqipp.info/our-resources/webkits/self-care/public-facing-resources/>