



Spreading Infectious Enthusiasm to Volunteers

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St John Ambulance

Who are we?

St John Ambulance is the nations leading first aid charity. Every year more than 400,000 people learn how to save lives. The volunteers provide first aid in the community, during events and work alongside the NHS during emergency situations.

Who are the volunteers?

The majority of volunteers are not healthcare professionals. The general public are trained to provide first aid training.

Healthcare professionals provide a range of services: Event Doctors & Nurses, Advanced Life Support provision, Falls prevention and much more.

‘This presents a great opportunity to educate volunteers about the important topic of infection prevention and antibiotic resistance’

What we did...

- Infection Prevention Nurse and Antimicrobial Pharmacists from UHL joined forces to develop a unique educational session and public awareness campaign.
- A total of 50 volunteers from SJA were included in a pilot
- Topics covered: AMR, AMS, use of antibiotics & IP updates.
- This provided an opportunity for discussion, questions to be raised and some concerns to be explained.
- The use of social media increased awareness within the first aid and ambulance service community.
- All volunteers were asked to pledge to become Antibiotic Guardians and spread the message to others!

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Future Plans...



- Role out the pilot to the whole of the East Midlands & East of England (2616 volunteers)
- Infection Prevention training for the identification of infected wounds and signs of sepsis
- Promote and encourage the AG pledge
- Continue to work with the Antimicrobial team to update the teaching content

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