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Dear Colleagues

I wanted to update you on antibioticprescribing.ie and the progress that has been made in recent weeks.

As you know, at the end of January an issue affecting some content on a legacy HSE.ie website and a number of standalone information websites that were managed by an external vendor was detected by HSE's Cyber Security Monitoring Teams. These websites were taken offline. The subsequent analysis of the issues by external expert partners confirmed the issue was isolated to these information websites. The analysis also determined that the legacy software and web servers managed by the external vendor cannot be reinstated.

At the outset, the publication of information on antibioticprescribing.ie was prioritised and I can confirm that all of AMRIC's AMS (acute and community) guidelines and toolkits are now available on the hse website, at the same address; www.antibioticprescribing.ie

Since the original antibioticprescribing.ie site was published a number of years ago, the HSE's websites have developed to improve the user experience and make it easier for people to find the health, wellbeing and services information they need. The Digital Team are now accelerating and leading out on a programme of work that was due to start later on this year to improve how we provide information for pharmacists, GPs and other healthcare professionals across a wide range of topics on the new HSE.ie websites including antibioticprescribing.ie.

We are keen to ensure that you and your colleagues are aware that all of the HSE's AMS guidance on prescribing and on antimicrobial stewardship remains available on www.antibioticprescribing.ie and would be grateful for your support in communicating this to your colleagues.

Kind regards,

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