# Agenda with Outcomes for Antimicrobial Expert Advisory Group meeting

# Held on Friday 17June 2022: 11am-12:30 via TEAMS

**Attendees:** Mark Gilchrist , Rakhi Aggarwal, Philip Howard, Conor Jamieson, Janice Perkins, Ceri Phillips, Kirsteen Hill, Preety Ramdut, Kieran Hand, Nicholas Reid, Louise Dunsmure, Diane Ashiru-Oredope, Claire Anderson, Wing Tang

**Guest:** Hayley Wickens

## 1: Recognition

1. Introductions, apologies and declarations of interest (Chair)

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| **Item 1.1** | **Progress review** | **Time of item 5 minutes** |
| Description | Recommendations agreed at last meeting:   1. Agenda/ Minutes of meetings to be placed onto RPS website. ACTION (RPS) 2. Community pharmacy sector representation led by Chair: Ask CPEAG to recommend a nominee: ACTION (RPS) 3. Introduction to RPS Pharmacogenomic work led by Ravi Sharma: Recommendation from AMEAG that the webinar should be shared with an intro as to why important for AMR Pharmacists. ACTION (RPS) 4. Invite a Pharmacogenomics expert around AMR to come and speak about opportunities at the June meeting: ACTION: (Ravi Sharma linked with Phil Howard) 5. Highlighted the importance to community pharmacy as they may be questioned by the public about their results. Is there a requirement for some guidance for pharmacists about what to do if questioned by the public on their results? ACTION (RPS) 6. Pharmacogenomics slides to be shared. ACTION (RPS) 7. All AMEAG members to provide a picture and a short bio to include on RPS website to increase visibility of work. ACTION (AMEAG Members) 8. Request for any information on existing AMS networks. ACTION (AMEAG Members) | |
| Purpose | To review progress on these recommendations | |
| Outcomes | MG welcomed the secondment of Janice Perkins, who joins AMEAG until a permanent member with community expertise can be recruited.  ACTION: RPS to update AMEAG webpage  MG welcomed invited colleague Dr Hayley Wickens and MG extended a welcome to Claire Anderson. | |

## 2: Relevance

*Consider tabled items, consider future areas of interest for the next six months and consider longer-term horizon scanning.*

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| **Item 2.1** | **RPS Chief Executive Update Led by Wing Tang and Claire Anderson** | **Time of item 20 minutes** |
| Description | * RPS organisation update, FIP withdrawal and Q&A * Update on UK Antimicrobial Health Alliance | |
| Purpose | To get an update from the RPS and allow group members to ask questions | |
| Outcomes | **RPS organisation update**  Paul unfortunately could not attend due to illness. WT provided an update on RPS organisational structure, recruitment of CTO, Chief Education and Membership Officer and interim arrangements on behalf of PB.  **AGM and FIP**  WT&CA described AGM motions, including current position in relation to RPS membership of FIP and Assembly plans to review position on FIP in July. Consensus AMEAG view on the importance and value of RPS-FIP relationship in the context of the international co-operation and co-ordination in the area of Antimicrobial Stewardship.  **ACTION:** AMR EAG to write a letter of support for re-instating FIP membership (MG/PH) linking with Global Pharmacist Fellowship (CP)  **ACTION:** Canvas opinion of other EAG for support (AMEAG to draft communication, RPS to share with EAG chairs)  **ACTION:** AMEAG supportive in principle of observers at AMEAG meetings to aid learning, experience for future professionals, open and transparent. (RPS to share views for Assembly decision on AGM motions) . Any observers should approach the RPS secretariat or AMR EAG Chair directly.  **Commonwealth Pharmacist Association**  MG asked what the relationship was between CwPA and RPS. RPS confirmed an ongoing sponsorship relationship with CwPA. Proposal to share meeting notes with CwPA and vice-versa to co-ordinate and align AMR activities.  **ACTION:** Link MG to CwPA CEO and AMR lead  **Antimicrobial Resistance Alliance**  AMEAG were cautious, flagging a desire to know more about this group through TOR or other documentation before being able to confirm merits of a joint statement between Royal Colleges and professional bodies.  **ACTION:** RPS team to arrange a call between MG and PH with PB to discuss | |

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| **Item 2.2** | **Pharmacogenomics – Implications for AMS**  **Led by Hayley Wickens / Philip Howard** | **Time of item 25 minutes** |
| Description | * Group to receive an update around pharmacogenomics in the context of AMR/ AMS * Group to discuss potential opportunities for pharmacists * How can RPS help provide support | |
| Purpose | To receive an update from experts involved in pharmacogenomics and allow members to ask questions | |
| Outcomes | HW provided a fantastic and comprehensive presentation of pharmacogenomics through the lens of Pharmacy and in particular AMR. Discussions around how best the pharmacy community can be involved. Acceptance that we need to raise the profile of what pharmacogenomics can do within AMR sphere. MG offered this group as a forum to showcase AMR activities and if HW needed any help to ask. World Antibiotic awareness day was a discussion point regarding raising the agenda of this.  **ACTION:** Presentation to be sent to all EAG members (RPS) | |

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| **Item 2.3** | **World Antimicrobial Awareness Week (WAAW)**  **Led by Mark Gilchrist** | **Time of item 25 minutes** |
| Description | * To provide an update around RPS WAAW plans * To discuss content and actions * To understand wider WAAW plans from colleagues | |
| Purpose | To provide an update on draft RPS WAAW proposals and allow members to discuss and ask questions | |
| Outcomes | MG described an aim to showcase the role of the pharmacist / activities being undertaken by the profession with regards to AMS/AMR during WAAW with an outline plan to:   * Highlight a theme on each day of the week and the major role the profession is helping support / lead. * This will align to and support national activities   There is a desire to revamp the AMR section of the RPS website  <https://www.rpharms.com/recognition/all-our-campaigns/antimicrobial-resistance-stewardship>   * This will act as the main landing page for activities and promotion. This will continue past WAAW * Create and host a resource page on RPS website for Antibiotic Amnesty materials / talking heads / resources /podcasts telling the story of initial work to now and how anyone can get involved as / if they wish. * Themes to include:   + Harm + Allergy   + Sustainability  + AMS   + IV-PO Switching + course length (links to sustainability)   + Amnesty (link to waste of antibiotics)   + Pharmacogenomics (link to item 2.2) – abacavir, Gentamicin and potentially voriconazole.   + COVID / antivirals / Flu / vaccinations / responsible use of antimicrobials   + Different roles of pharmacy profession in AMR (community / hospital/ academic / technicians / industry) * Ensure we link different days to national programme of events * Community angle – maybe link to one thing (most probably national focus theme   CA welcomed the AMEAG WAAM plans and described the involvement of the role of the new RPS Chief Scientist with AMEAG. The CSO post has been the key RPS link to AMEAG in the past.  **ACTION:** MG to meet with CJ and RK to discuss design of content for RPS website AMR amnesty pages  **ACTION**: MG will ask RPS for the website templates and then the group will be asked to help support content for WAAW.  **ACTION:** RPS to consider a suggestion to go “Blue” for WAAW  **ACTION:** WT to link and introduce the new RPS Chief Scientist to MG. | |

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| **Item 2.4** | **Future areas of interest / Horizon Scanning** | **Time of item 15 minutes** |
| Description | A key role for the group is to identify areas of interest that RPS should be aware of, in this agenda item for the next six-month period. | |
| Purpose | To identify areas of interest for the next six months to ensure RPS is informed about developments and areas of work, so that RPS is relevant for members.  To provide advice to RPS on these areas of interest. | |
| Outcomes | **Risk assessment of PGDs**  A framework for the risk assessment of PGDs has been published by NHS E and I. it is noted that similar work is already in progress in Scotland and Wales.  **ACTION:** Framework to be shared and circulated  **Medusa Advisory Board**  To note LD leads the Medusa Advisory Board as AMS link  **Pharmacy Quality Scheme**  Confidential proposal has been submitted. The Health Secretary driving community pharmacy involvement and opportunities for AMS initiatives  **NHS workforce survey**  An NHS workforce survey on AMS capacity is underway. Results expected to be of interest to the RPS  **Wales**  NHS Wales all day event around AMS next week.  **ACTION:** NR to share meeting link  **Future meetings**  **ACTION:** RPS To setup next meeting in September and January 2023 (with observers able to join) | |

## 3. Additional Information

***The following information has been shared with chair or advisory group members:***

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| **What** | **When** |
| RPS Endorsement request received from Antibiotic Research UK for leaflets entitled *‘Are you at risk’* for review and comment by advisory group members prior to endorsing | 9th February 2022 |
| RPS contribution to Governments call for evidence to inform refresh of 2018 Biological Security Strategy for review and comment by advisory group members | 28th February 2022 |
| RPS contribution to ESPAUR consensus gathering questionnaire on Developing an Antimicrobial IV Switch Tool for Adults | 7th March 2022 |
| RPS Pharmacogenomics Draft Position Statement for review and feedback before launch | 14th April 2022 |
| RPS contribution to ESPAUR quarterly report submitted ahead of meeting on 10th May with advice of Chair | 25th April 2022 |
| RPS submission for to stakeholder section of the ESPAUR annual report with advice of Chair | 25th April 2022 |
| National WAAW/EAAD Planning Group. 2021 wash-up and 2022 planning meeting. Chair provided update on planned activities | 23rd May 2022 |

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| **Relevant upcoming events and webinars** [**https://www.rpharms.com/events**](https://www.rpharms.com/events) | **When** |
| Vision for Pharmacy Practice in England - exploring themes | Wednesday, 15th June 2022 - Monday, 27th June 2022 10:00 am - 8:30 pm |
| RPS Science and Research Summit 2022 | Friday 24th June 9.30 am - 5:00pm |