# Antimicrobial Expert Advisory Group meeting (held via TEAMS)

# Friday 4 February 2022: 10am-11am

## 1: Recognition

1. Introductions, apologies and declarations of interest (Chair)
2. Brief update about the role of Expert Advisory Groups (Robbie)

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| **Title** | **Representation**  | **Time of item 10 mins** |
| Description | Community pharmacy sector representation:* Essential this group has community pharmacy representation
* That representation should also have an appreciation of AMR and be able to input into wider discussions
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| Purpose | To put forward name(s) of community pharmacists who could be approached to join the group |
| Outcomes | To be agreed and completed at the meeting as a record  |

## 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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| **Title** | **Item 1 Introduction to the RPS Pharmacogenomic work led by Ravi Sharma RPS** | **Time of item 20 mins** |
| Description | Introduction to a new workstream at the RPS. Please see recent webinar introducing work [here](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.rpharms.com%2Fresources%2Fwebinars%2Ftaking-it-personally-pharmacogenomics-and-the-future-of-medications-safety&data=04%7C01%7CRobbie.Turner%40rpharms.com%7Cc13cfecd64654d0b1bd708d9d6a3fc9a%7C99193c61658d4076952f07c345a3be97%7C0%7C0%7C637776822062927055%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=UAQz67VX1zCVepHSlrFf8%2FrZQTNRhSY3mO9hyH1XQJs%3D&reserved=0). |
| Purpose | * Provide an overview of pharmacogenomics and the work planned by RPS in 2022
* Gain views from the group on 1) How do we see this affecting pharmacy and pharmaceutical science communities 2) How to get involved from an AMR perspective?
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| Outcomes | To be agreed and completed at the meeting as a record  |

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| **Title** | **Item 2 Introduction to RPS Sustainability Work Pertaining to AMR.**  | **Time of item 5 mins** |
| Description | Giving AMEAG sight of ongoing RPS work which impact the work of the group. This is for noting only and will be discussed at a future meeting.  |
| Purpose | There are a number of recommendations in the climate change [policies](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.rpharms.com%2Frecognition%2Fall-our-campaigns%2Fpolicy-a-z%2Fsustainability-policy%2Fpolicies&data=04%7C01%7CRobbie.Turner%40rpharms.com%7C42b6e8c8816b4c67782c08d9d6a5d0e9%7C99193c61658d4076952f07c345a3be97%7C0%7C0%7C637776829916117566%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000&sdata=YB5rcfwMObgnlYwJQsaIsVuAKKZ8oHzk8VCe9FhZLqk%3D&reserved=0) that touch upon AMR, including;* National public awareness campaigns on antimicrobial resistance, prudent use of medicines and appropriate medicines disposal (making sure the public are aware of why you shouldn’t pour left over Abx down the drain for example)
* Reducing antimicrobial resistance that occurs due to pollution by pharmaceutical waste into water etc
* More research to improve antibiotic use: new vaccines against illnesses that require antibiotics, rapid diagnostic testing to aid decisions on initiating antibiotics, new antibiotics, improved surveillance and better understanding of antimicrobial resistance

We have had some positive conversations with Natural Resources Wales about our sustainability work and we believe that AMR should be the number 1 focus, asking them to focus on reducing antibiotics in water. **We would welcome any volunteers from AMEAG that may want to work with us.**Further updates and progress will be brought to a future meeting. |
| Outcomes | To be agreed and completed at the meeting as a record  |

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| **Title** | **Future areas of interest/ Horizon scanning identified by Expert Group** | **Time of item 10 mins** |
| 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/longer term 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 | To be agreed and completed at the meeting as a record  |

## 3: Communication

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| **Title** | **Messages for RPS members** | **Time of item 10 mins** |
| Description | Sharing information with RPS members is an essential role for RPS, and the EAG’s advice on what information is useful and relevant to communicate is vital.  |
| Purpose | To decide what aspects of the EAG’s work should be shared with members, and how best to share them.To make recommendations to RPS on other communication with members needed in the EAG’s subject area. |
| Outcomes | To be agreed and completed at the meeting as a record  |

## 4: Additional Information

1. RPS Board & Assembly Minutes can be found [here](https://www.rpharms.com/about-us/who-we-are/national-boards/assembly)
2. RPS Webinar schedule can be found [here](https://www.google.com/url?client=internal-element-cse&cx=9b6c83c4e4686c04b&q=https://www.rpharms.com/resources/webinars&sa=U&ved=2ahUKEwjwg8fQgLv1AhUG1hoKHY_7DLwQFnoECAAQAQ&usg=AOvVaw3_sDMILGskI5Dm_W0WBYC7)
3. BSACI Guidelines for non allergy specialists have been circulated to members
4. ESPAUR report feedback link has been circulated for members

***Date and time of next meeting to be discussed***