# Antimicrobial Expert Advisory Group (AmEAG) Agenda with outcomes

**Thursday 28 September 2023: 2pm – 4pm held virtually via MS Teams**

## 1: Recognition

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| **Item 1.1** | **Progress review**Led by Chair | **Time of item 10 minutes** |
| Description | Recommendations agreed at last meeting:* **Antimicrobial Resistance Alliance** - **ACTION:** to arrange a call between Chair and PH with PB to discuss *– still to be completed*
* [https://bsac-kaw.co.uk/](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fbsac-kaw.co.uk%2F&data=05%7C01%7Cmark.gilchrist1%40nhs.net%7Cc8d3f8daf65242d2c6ee08daf9676eaf%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C1%7C638096520354404453%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjoiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzIiLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=JafDqFLClFn%2F0uWhhKqNlztQsOwowXtiS5RaTyj%2B5Gc%3D&reserved=0) *ACTION – To update going forward*
* ***ACTION*** *– Gather further ideas for website and meet with RPS Communications to review (WAAW discussion)*
* ***ACTION*** *– PD to take forward to National Boards how to improve this and get more impact (WAAW discussion)*
* ***ACTION****: Chair to discuss with PD around RPS interaction with AMEAG and reflective discussions (Role of RPS discussion)*
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APOLOGIES

*Stephen Hughes (SH)*

*Rafia Jamil, Jacqueline Sneddon*

*Parastou Donyai (PD)*

IN ATTENDANCE

*Mark Gilchrist (Chair), Kirsteen Hill (KHi), Conor Jamieson (CJ), Rakhi Aggarwal (RA), Frances Garraghan (FG), Louise Dunsmure (LD), Nicholas Reid (NR), Ceri Phillips (CP), Aaron Brady (AB), Philip Howard (PH), Geraldine Conlon-Bingham (GCB), Preety Ramdut (PR), Kieran Hand (KHa), Avril Tucker (AT)*

*Alisdair Jones (AJ)*

*Diane Ashiru-Oredope (DAO), Wing Tang (WT), Neal Patel (NP), Melissa Dear (MD), Marcia Reid (MR), Rebecca Braybrooks (RB)*

## 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** | **Welcome** Led by Chair  | **10 minutes** |
| Purpose | To welcome all, approve previous meeting outcomes and outline meeting. |
|  | Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as complete and will be added to the website.Discussion on the ways of working across RPS/ AmEAG are now more streamlined with the WhatsApp group and communication with RPS teams. This has been a learning curve for everyone – systems have been implemented that are working. Wanting to be at the heart of things for AMR. The group is now in a good place and will continue on with the great work. The chair noted thanks to everyone that has been involved in the latest pieces of work and collaboration that has happened has been great.AOB Pharmacy Forum NI – how to allow documentation to be shared widely from RPS across NI/ with PSNI. Discussion around how we can work together? Broader piece of work to discuss.ACTION Chair to email JG |

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| **Item 2.2** | Feedback from meetings Led by Chair with updates from members |  **20 minutes** |
| Purpose | * AMR Policy: Development of the 2024-29 AMR national action plan – CP, RA, PR, LD
* RPS Digital Experiences workshop – SH
* Greener Pharmacy Standards – CP, RA
* Virtual Wards – LD, CJ
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|  | Combine Items 2.2 and 2.5 **Greener Pharmacy Guide update:** Two guides have been produced – one for hospital and one for community. Various groups have provided feedback. Simpler versions of guides, being designed for consultation in October. Led by Minna Eii. ACTION To share draft with group – WT**Prescribing update**: The project has begun and has looked at member proposition, reviewing what prescribing pharmacists want and progress made so far. It was asked:What is a DPP – designated prescribing practitioner, supervisor of prescribing students.What AmEAG need to do or can do around this?Revamped resources for AMR page, a lot of time was spent on this so don’t want to duplicate anything. Signposting to Antimicrobial competencies on gov.uk website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/antimicrobial-prescribing-and-stewardship-competencies> and the RPS AMR page: <https://www.rpharms.com/recognition/all-our-campaigns/antimicrobial-resistance-stewardship>ACTION – invite MR to update on prescribing at next meeting**Homecare standards update:** Very timely as House of Lords ongoing discussion. Working with NHS Southwest and Central and nursing colleagues plus Task & Finish group. Consultation has been circulated, please do circulate and respond.ACTION - KHi – to look at homecare consultation for AmEAG**Virtual Wards update** from CJ/ LD: concerns of expansion - widespread usage of antibiotic prepacks. Make sure antimicrobials are prescribed not just noted. Virtual wards rely on pre packs, prescribing is preferred option of supply of medicines.LD nothing specific, broader sweep across everything. One size fits all, no key AMR message. WT thanked CJ/LD for work put in. Document is generic in nature, could add supplementary AMR document/ statement to sit alongside the standard if this could be produced by AmEAG and was desired. AJ – board member request for any information / documents to be sharedWT – to share designed copy as a heads up to those attending and AmEAG to prepare supplementary page**Error reporting standards update**: these have been drafted and will share this with AmEAG.WT - To share error reporting draft with AmEAG.LD – CP -National Action plan update, good meeting. Very receptive to comments and practical experience. Making sure metrics are useable.DAO – Set of commitments for all 4 nations – asked to write deliverables under this. |

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| **Item 2.3** | Update on Penicillin Allergy day, WAAW & Antibiotic Amnesty Led by Chair and members |  **20 minutes** |
| Purpose | * Small animal veterinary medicines amnesty – Kirsteen Hill
* ABPi request (see attachment 2.3.1)
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|  | **Pen Allergy day work** – huge thank you from Chair. Press release with checklist (Welsh language too) Blog – all was very well received and reached the right people. Patient story to carry forward to WAAW.MD – thank you for great story. Radio 4 today programme, Radio 5live, BBC. AmEAG echoed thanks to all involved on this piece of work and posed question of can this be used as proof of concept and process be used again with other relevant topics.**Antibiotic Amnesty**RPS site has been updated to include different languagesSuggestion that NHS Scotland are going to be looking at the antibiotic amnesty for WAAW. ACTION Chair to email LW (RPS Scotland) – share AMR resources on Antibiotic amnesty.Discussion around Antibiotic Amnesty and what happens at Board level and how best to carry messaging forwards. |

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| **Item 2.4** | Community pharmacy common conditions service Led by Kieran Hand | **20 minutes** |
| Purpose | To hear an update on potential AMR risk mitigations |
|  | <https://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/PRN00283-delivery-plan-for-recovering-access-to-primary-care-may-2023.pdf>The group heard an update on the England only community pharmacy common conditions service.This will require upskilling the pharmacy workforce, developed under robust process and will align with NICE guidance.NIHR research funding has been secured – with a randomised controlled trial to be held 2024/25.A service evaluation will be completed also.Questions and discussions- -Is there anything the group can do to help promote? What can we do through RPS?Celebrate success and promotion of the service-Scotland not doing all of these, good to see and will be great to have shared learning-set up FAQ guide to answer common questionsACTION (RA AT KHa Chair) - to set up a task and finish group with RPS to help promote CPCCS – similar to pen allergy work. Group A Strep/measles, comms teams to connect. KHa to email MD. |

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| **Item 2.5** | RPS Updates | **20 minutes** |
| Purpose | To receive an update on the following projects at RPS:* Prescribing (slides by Marcia Reid)
* Standards – Greener, Error reporting, Virtual Wards, Homecare (Led by Wing Tang)
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|  | See 2.2 for update and outcomes |

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| **Item 2.6** | **Summarising key actions**Led by Chair | **10 minutes** |
| Purpose | To summarise key action points and ask for any agenda items for next meeting. *Date of next meeting: to be decided for 2024* |

## 3. Additional Information

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

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| **What** | **When**  |
| Expert required: Commission on Human Medicines MHRA Infections Expert Advisory Group - Advert IEAG23-2 | 08/08/2023 |
| Deputy Chief Scientist announcement | 01/08/2023 |
| FW: 02755-2022 - Colin Vincent GREENWAY - Regulation 28 Report - FYI HEAG AmEAG | 25/07/2023 |
| AmEAG agenda with outcomes 25.05.2023 | 28/06/2023 |
| Summary of RPS professional standards activities in 2023 | 27/06/2023 |
| RPS is developing an interim set of standards for virtual ward pharmacy services alongside NHS England and CQC | 23/06/2023 |
| RE: You are invited to a Digital Experiences workshop | 22/06/2023 |
| FW: OFFICIAL: Reminder: AMS competency framework and SSTF AMS toolkit surveys | 16/06/2023 |
| You are invited to a Digital Experiences workshop | 12/06/2023 |
| FIP AMR education case study - submission | 25/05/2023 |
| Some slides on Penicillin Allergy delabelling for AmEAG May meeting tomorrow (PH) | 24/05/2023 |
| AmEAG next meeting: Thursday 25 May 2023 2pm | 19/05/2023 |
| Invitation to share a case study on antimicrobial resistance and stewardship education | 05/05/2023 |
| EAGs - National Board member representation | 30/03/2023 |
| Invitation to contribute and cascade: Updating the Antimicrobial Prescribing and Stewardship (APS) Competency Framework | 27/03/2023 |
| RPS rejoins FIP | 13/03/2023 |
| For Action: Review of Antibiotic Guardian Pledges | 27/02/2023 |
| AmEAG meeting – agenda items request | 19/01/2023 |

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