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Agenda for Antimicrobial Expert Advisory Group meeting

Thursday 15 September 2022: 2pm – 3:30pm via TEAMS

Attendees: Avril Tucker, Mark Gilchrist, Louise Dunsmure, Rakhi Aggarwal, Pretty Ramdut, Phil Howard, Kirsteen Hill, Janice Perkins, Fran Garraghan, Stephen Hughes, Kieran Hand, Nik Reid, Diane Ashiru-Oredope,

RPS: Beth Ward, Parastou Donyai, Wing Tang, Stuart Carter, Regina Ahmed, Rebecca Braybrooks (Notes)

Apologies: Ceri Phillips, Conor Jamieson, Claire Anderson (RPS), Ravi Sharma (RPS), Neal Patel (RPS)

1: Recognition

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

Item 1.1	Progress review	Time of item 10 minutes
Description	<p>Recommendations agreed at last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AGM and FIP - ACTION: AMR EAG to write a letter of support for re-instating FIP membership (MG/PH) linking with Global Pharmacist Fellowship (CP) - MG thanked the group for input, shared with President and Assembly. RPS intention is to revisit previous decision, engage with wider members Antimicrobial Resistance Alliance - ACTION: RPS team to arrange a call between MG and PH with PB to discuss – <i>still to be completed</i> Pharmacogenomics – Implications for AMS (Hayley Wickens / Philip Howard) ACTION: Presentation to be sent to all EAG members (RPS) - Hayley and PH have circulated an AMR related genomics questionnaire about the R65 mitochondrial test for deafness linked to aminoglycosides. ACTION: RPS to consider a suggestion to go “Blue” for WAAW – Wales not progressing due to current cost of living/ energy crisis. Look at other ways of going ‘BLUE’ online/social media. WT to feed this back internally. Risk assessment of PGDs - ACTION: Framework was shared and circulated Future meetings - ACTION: RPS To setup next meetings for 2023 (with observers able to join). An invitation will be issued via RPS platforms 	
Purpose	To review progress	

2: Relevance

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

Item 2.1	Welcome and introductions to new and existing AMEAG members and the RPS Chief Scientist Led by Mark Gilchrist	Time of item 30 minutes
Purpose	To introduce new members and existing members To introduce RPS Chief Scientist to AMEAG	
	Introductions were heard from the current group and RPS staff.	

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	<p>The group heard introductions from 2 new members. MG thanked the new members for applying and welcomed them to the group.</p> <p>Parastou Donyai – RPS Chief Scientist provided a brief introduction and the focus of work going forward in the Science and Research team.</p>
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Item 2.3	Content of Word Antibiotic Awareness Week Led by Mark Gilchrist, Regina Ahmed and Stuart Carter (Conor Jamieson – not in attendance)	Time of item 20 minutes
Description	Work being completed by RPS to support WAAW	
Purpose	<p>Item heard early in agenda. MG thanked in particular CJ/ RA together with SC and RA for their time spent on the RPS AmEAG website redesign.</p> <p>The RPS AmEAG webpages are currently being updated. The group were shown through the draft pages by SC to give an idea on look/ feel.</p> <p>ACTION – share webpage text with the group and ask for track changes ACTION – request for volunteers to update the WAAW pages (DAO/ FG)</p> <p>Talking head being recorded on genomic space AMS (will share for format) Sustainability/ environment another topic – want another volunteer to do a talking head,(PR/ PH)</p> <p>FG/ DAO agreed to provide text around WAAW so that it can replace the existing material on the RPS site – focus on UK themes + engagement.</p> <p>Aim to launch AA pages by mid October</p>	

Item 2.2	RPS/CPA collaboration Led by Fran Garraghan	Time of item 20 minutes
Description	<p>The Commonwealth Pharmacists Association are expanding their Commonwealth Partnerships for AMS programme, building on the successful African/UK health partnerships established through phase 1.</p> <p>Traditionally, these types of grants are awarded to medical and nursing staff, and in this case of the funding hosted by CPA, funding will only be awarded to applicants who demonstrate pharmacists being in leadership roles within the proposed projects.</p> <p>A call will be going out to UK pharmacists to submit an application for projects to form part of this phase 2 of the programme.</p>	
Purpose	<p>The CPA team would welcome the opportunity to discuss how AMEAG could support:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share information about this opportunity through their networks • Support UK pharmacists to apply • Potentially help with the grant selection process <p>The group heard a presentation from FG (slides to be shared) on the CPA and the CwPAMS work.</p> <p>Discussion around how can RPS / AmEAG support this work going forward? Would like the details to be shared with pharmacy teams, but we need to work on logistics</p>	

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	of this. The revamping of the RPS AMS site would provide a good platform. ACTION: FG to contact MG to discuss logistics.
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Item 2.4	Next Steps for AmEAG and close meeting Led by Mark Gilchrist	Time of item 10 minutes
Description	Ongoing and future plans for AmEAG	
Purpose	To discuss and agree next steps Remind members to send in outstanding DOIs plus short biography/ photo for the website	
	<p>LD - Bringing people together to form stakeholder group around pharmacy undergraduate teaching for AMS. Working with BSAC given experience in promoting medical undergraduate work. https://bsac-kaw.co.uk/ .</p> <p>ACTION – To update going forward</p> <p>DAO – Updated on ESPAUR arrangements for World Antimicrobial Awareness Week including themes and activities</p> <p>KH – Updated the group on relevant NHSE activities in relation to antimicrobials.</p>	

3. Additional Information

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

What	When
AmEAG letter in support of FIP re-instatement	July 2022
RPS endorsement for Antimicrobial IVOS Criteria and Tool (with Chair)	August 2022
AmEAG vacancy applications (with Chair)	August 2022
Invitation to reform roundtable led by UKHSA (with MG and LD)	August 2022
Multiple meetings and drafts to discuss content for World Antimicrobial Awareness Week	July-September 2022
Welcome to AmEAG confirmations for new members of AmEAG	September 2022

Relevant upcoming events and webinars https://www.rpharms.com/events	When
Digital Pharmacy Expert Advisory Group	16 th September 2022

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All Wales Medicines Safety Symposium 2022	16 th September 2022
RPS England and the King's Fund: Vision for Pharmacy Practice	22 nd September 2022
Supporting Parents and Carers in the workplace	5 th October 2022
Demystifying Pharmacogenomics: Interpreting test results and guiding treatment	11 th October 2022
RPS and NICE webinar series: Safe prescribing and management of medicines associated with dependence	19 th October 2022
RPS Annual Conference 2022 – Inspiring Change: The Future of Pharmacy	11 th November 2022