

**Westminster Health Forum policy conference:
Priorities and next steps for tackling antimicrobial resistance in the UK**

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 24th January 2024

*****Taking place online*****



Agenda subject to change

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Julian Sturdy MP, Chair and Registered Contact, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Antibiotics
- 9.05 **The landscape for AMR as the UK 5-year national action plan comes to an end**
Morwenna Carrington, Deputy Director, UK Health Security, Department of Health and Social Care
- 9.20 **Progress and latest developments in tackling AMR - the 20-year vision and priorities for research, innovation and technology, diagnostics and patient safety**
Dr Jo Varshney, Chief Executive Officer and Founder, VeriSIM Life
Richard Hebdon, Director of Health & Life Sciences, Innovate UK
Professor Roberto La Ragione, Professor of Veterinary Microbiology and Pathology, University of Surrey; and Chair, Veterinary Pathology Specialty Advisory Committee, The Royal College of Pathologists
Dr Paula Sommer, Head of Research, Cystic Fibrosis Trust
- 9.40 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.05 **Driving the development of new antibiotics in the UK and the role of biotechnology in tackling AMR**
Deborah O'Neil, Chief Executive Officer, NovaBiotics
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.30 **Progress on developing The Fleming Centre and the vision for collaboration and research to overcome antimicrobial resistance**
Professor Lord Darzi of Denham, Chair, The Fleming Initiative
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.55 **Chair's closing remarks**
Julian Sturdy MP, Chair and Registered Contact, All-Party Parliamentary Group on Antibiotics
- 11.00 Break
- 11.10 **Chair's opening remarks**
Colin Brown, Interim Director of Emerging Infections, UK Health Security Agency
- 11.15 **Next steps for promoting appropriate use of antibiotics across healthcare - diagnostics and prescribing, workforce training, patient engagement, antimicrobial stewardship in local health systems and maintaining targets**
Dr Jane Freeman, National Clinical Lead for AMR Diagnostics, NHS England
Jonathan Pearce, Chief Executive Officer, Antibiotic Research UK
Dr Aggy York, Urgent and Primary Care Lead, Greater Manchester Integrated Care Board
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 **Driving international collaboration - priorities for global innovative research in tackling AMR, patient safety, targets for surveillance, and worldwide initiatives**
Dr Jesus Rodriguez-Manzano, Senior Lecturer in Diagnostics for Infectious Disease, Imperial College London
Dr Jean Pierre Nyemazi, Senior Advisor, World Health Organization
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.30 **Next steps for tackling AMR in the UK and for international influence and leadership**
Professor Dame Sally Davies, UK Special Envoy, Antimicrobial Resistance
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Forum closing remarks**
Colin Brown, Interim Director of Emerging Infections, UK Health Security Agency
Jessica Lear, Associate Editor, Westminster Health Forum