

All-Party Parliamentary Group on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)

Inaugural General Meeting of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on AMR

Minutes of the IGM held at 12pm on 21st January 2025 in Portcullis House, Room P

Attendees:

Beccy Cooper MP
Danny Chambers MP
Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle
Lord Browne of Ladyton
Richard Foord MP
Dr Amish Acharya, Scientific Advisor to Lord Darzi
Nick Brown, BSAC
Rhian Foley, BSAC

Meeting:

1. WELCOME

Beccy Cooper MP welcomed parliamentary colleagues and guests to the IGM of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR).

2. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following individuals were elected as Officers of the Group:

- Chair & Registered Contact: Beccy Cooper MP, Labour.
- Co-Chair: Lord Mackinlay of Richborough, Conservative.
- Secretary: Danny Chambers MP, Lib Dem.
- Treasurer: Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle, Green.

3. STATEMENT OF PURPOSE OF THE GROUP

The purpose statement for the Group was agreed by those present.

4. CONFIRMATION OF MEMBERSHIP

The wider membership of the Group was read out and confirmed:

- Labour: Rosena Allin-Khan MP, David Taylor MP, Sadik Al-Hassan MP, Graham Stringer MP, The Baroness Lister of Burtersett CBE, Lord Browne of Ladyton.
- Conservative: Neil Hudson MP, Jeremy Hunt MP, Baroness Sugg, Lord Goldsmith.
- Lib Dem: Richard Foord MP.

- Crossbench: Lord Trees, Baroness Finlay, Baroness Grey-Thompson, Lord Darzi.
- DUP: Jim Shannon MP.

5. APPOINTMENT OF THE SECRETARIAT

The British Society of Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (BSAC) was reappointed as Secretariat.

6. DISCUSSION ON AREAS OF FOCUS

The Officers and Members discussed the APPGs work programme for the coming year. Discussion focussed on:

- The role of diagnostics in combating AMR, with a focus on women's health and recurrent UTIs.
- AMR as a global health and national security issue, including the need to review how AMR strains are imported into the UK and the need to support other countries in implementing AMR National Action Plans.
- The importance of the UK AMR National Action Plan commitments to be integrated into Government plans for NHS reform and the 10-year health plan.
- The need to address the use of antimicrobials in agriculture and the broader environmental impact.

ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MEETING:

- The APPG aims to organise at least three meetings annually, with a flexible schedule to accommodate emerging issues.
- The Secretariat was tasked with consolidating these ideas and proposing a focused agenda for the first and future meetings.
- The Secretariat was also asked to draft initial correspondence to relevant ministers to introduce the APPG.