



## ON ANTIBIOTICS

Unconfirmed minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the  
All-Party Parliamentary Group on Antibiotics, held Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022  
Room M, Portcullis House, Westminster

### **Present:**

Julian Sturdy MP (Conservative) (Chair)  
Virendra Sharma MP (Labour)  
Jim Shannon MP (Democratic Unionist Party)  
Peter Bone MP (Conservative)  
Baroness Masham of Ilton (Crossbench)

### **In attendance:**

Dr Nicholas Brown, Director of Public and Professional Engagement, British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (BSAC) [*attended virtually*]  
Michael Corley, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, BSAC [*attended virtually*]  
Dan Peacock, Office of Fleur Anderson MP

### **Apologies:**

Sir Paul Beresford MP (Conservative)  
Fleur Anderson MP (Labour)  
Kevin Hollinrake MP (Conservative)  
Wendy Chamberlain MP (Liberal Democrat)  
Lord Trees (Crossbench)  
Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle (Green)  
Baroness Lister of Burtersett (Labour)  
Baroness Finlay of Llandaff (Crossbench)  
The Countess of Mar (Crossbench)

[Meeting opened at 1100]

### **1. Welcome and introduction**

Mr Julian Sturdy MP welcomed all members to the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) on Antibiotics, and apologies for absence were **NOTED**.

### **2. Summary of Group's activities since last AGM**

Mr Sturdy provided a positive assessment of the Group's attempts to inform and influence policy and practice subsequent to the following meetings:

- [Antibiotic residues in sewage and agricultural run-off: can we determine safe thresholds to combat deadly superbugs?](#) (November 2020)
- [Pandemic prevention & preparedness: how should the COVID response aid efforts to contain & control antimicrobial resistance?](#) (June 2021)

### 3. Election of Officers

- a) **Chair and Registered Contact** Julian Sturdy MP was nominated and accepted the role of Chair.
- b) **Co-Chair** Kevin Hollinrake MP was nominated and accepted (in his absence) the role of Co-Chair.
- c) **Co-Chair** Sir Paul Beresford MP was nominated and accepted (in his absence) the role of Co-Chair.
- d) **Co-Chair** Fleur Anderson MP was nominated and accepted (in her absence) the role of Co-Chair.
- e) **Co-Chair** Jim Shannon MP was nominated and accepted the role of Co-Chair.
- f) **Co-Chair** Virendra Sharma MP was nominated and accepted the role of Co-Chair.
- g) **Co-Chair** Lord Trees was nominated and accepted (in his absence) the role of Co-Chair.
- h) **Secretary** Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle was nominated and accepted (in her absence) the role of Secretary.
- i) **Treasurer** Baroness Masham of Ilton was nominated and accepted the role of Treasurer.

### 4. Future meetings

It was **AGREED** that the Group should aim to undertake the following activities throughout the course of 2022:

1. Collaborate with the APPG on Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) to:
  - a. conduct a Select Committee-style inquiry – calling for evidence in relation to the link between antibiotic resistance and the lack of access to clean water/hygiene facilities for billions of people
  - b. launch a report of the inquiry’s findings – focusing on recommendations with SMART objectives
  - c. orchestrate a cross-party campaign that would see the findings considered, and recommendations adopted, by UK Government
2. Consider the findings of the milestone report, '[Global burden of bacterial antimicrobial resistance \(GRAM in 2019: a systematic analysis\)](#)' – focusing on the call to systematically connect antibiotic resistance data to patient outcomes, generally, and to reform death certificates, specifically
3. Collaborate with the British-American Parliamentary Group (BAPG) and Professor Dame Sally Davies (UK Special Envoy on AMR) to forge a transatlantic alliance of politicians to contain

and control antibiotic resistance, generally, and to support the passage of the PASTEUR Act in Capitol Hill, specifically

4. Explore the emergence of antibiotic resistance in wildlife, with a view to helping to develop a “One Health” approach to containing and controlling antibiotic resistance.

[There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 1150]