



## ON ANTIBIOTICS

Unconfirmed minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the  
All-Party Parliamentary Group on Antibiotics, held Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022  
Room M, Portcullis House, Westminster

### Present

Julian Sturdy MP (Conservative) (Chair)  
Fleur Anderson MP (Labour)  
Maggie Throup MP (Conservative)  
Patrick Grady MP (Independent)  
Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle (Green)

### In attendance

Dr Nicholas Brown, Director of Public and Professional Engagement, British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy (BSAC)  
Michael Corley, Head of Policy and Public Affairs, BSAC

### Apologies

Hilary Benn MP (Labour)  
The Lord Trees (Crossbench)  
Baroness Finlay of Llandaff (Crossbench)

[Meeting opened at 1000]

### 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. Apologies for absence were **NOTED**. Mr Sturdy called on the Group to galvanise its efforts ahead of 2023 – in anticipation of what he hoped would be, by necessity, a “big year” for the collective effort to contain and control antibiotic resistance.

### 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 through the following activities in 2022:

- [Call for evidence](#): An inquiry into the links between antibiotic resistance and lack of access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene facilities, in healthcare settings across the world’s least developed countries (May 2022)
- [First oral evidence session](#): An inquiry into the links between antibiotic resistance and lack of access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene facilities, in healthcare settings across the world’s least developed countries (October 2022)
- [Second oral evidence session](#): An inquiry into the links between antibiotic resistance and lack of access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene facilities, in healthcare settings across the world’s least developed countries (November 2022)

### **Election of Officers**

My Sturdy then called upon those present to elect the Group's Officers:

- **Chair and Registered Contact** Julian Sturdy MP was nominated and accepted the role of Chair.
- **Co-Chair** Hilary Benn MP was nominated and accepted (in his absence) the role of Co-Chair.
- **Co-Chair** Maggie Throup MP was nominated and accepted the role of Co-Chair.
- **Co-Chair** Patrick Grady MP was nominated and accepted the role of Co-Chair.
- **Secretary** Baroness Bennett of Manor Castle was nominated and accepted the role of Secretary.
- **Treasurer** Lord Trees was nominated and accepted (in his absence) the role of Treasurer.

### **Future meetings**

It was **AGREED** the Group should aim to undertake the following activities in 2023:

- Work with the APPG on Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) to launch a report (with recommendations) on the back of the joint inquiry into the links between antibiotic resistance and lack of access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene facilities, in healthcare settings across the world's least developed countries
- Enquire if 'medical certificates of cause of death' (MCCD) provide sufficient detail of the impact drug-resistant infections have on patient mortality
- 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
- Consult with the representatives of the Department of Health and Social Care on the development of the UK Government's next National Action Plan (NAP) on antimicrobial resistance. The current NAP runs until 2024
- Consider working with another APPG to investigate the impact chronic urinary tract infections have on many millions of people (mostly women) every year
- Scrutinise antibiotic use in the aquaculture industry
- Create a calendar of key dates – to help guide and advise members of the Group interested in, for example, tabling more questions, staging more debates, undertaking more media work, on the topic of antibiotics and antibiotic resistance.

[There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 1035]