



Questions raised on Antibiotics in UK Parliament - July 2016

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Antibiotics

Department of Health written question – answered on 4th July 2016.

Kevin Hollinrake, Conservative, Thirsk and Malton

[To ask the Secretary of State for Health, by what process his Department plans to evaluate and continue to develop national antibiotic prescribing targets for primary and secondary care.](#)

Review on Antimicrobial Resistance

Oral Answers to Questions – Health- in the House of Commons at 12:00 am on 5th July 2016.

Andrea Jenkyns, Conservative, Morley and Outwood & Maggie Throup, Conservative, Erewash

[What plans the Government have to lead the international response to the recommendations of the final report of the Review on Antimicrobial Resistance, published in May 2016](#)

Andrea Jenkyns, Conservative, Morely and Outwood

[I recently met biotech firm Matoke Holdings, which has developed a new technology—reactive oxygen technology. It has found that this technology forms the basis of a whole new generation of antibiotics that has been proven to combat multi-resistant bacteria, including MRSA. This is an incredibly exciting development. Will my hon. Friend and her team agree to meet Matoke Holdings to hear about the new technology and the pace at which it has developed? What are the Government doing to support research into new antibiotics?](#)

Maggie Throup, Conservative, Erewash

[I recently hosted a parliamentary drop-in session to highlight the benefits of C-reactive protein testing as a way of reducing the number of antibiotics inappropriately prescribed in primary care. Will the Minister agree to look again at the case for rolling out CRP testing as standard across primary care as part of the Government's strategy to tackle antimicrobial resistance?](#)

Andrew Gwynne, Labour, Denton and Reddish

[There is an impending public health issue in this regard, not least with strains of gonorrhoea, for example, that are starting to show resistance to antibiotics. A number of doctors are incredibly](#)

[concerned about this. What more can be done to incentivise research and development to ensure that this public health concern does not become a public health crisis?](#)

Chris Leslie Labour/Co-operative, Nottingham East

[This is an incredibly important issue on which I urge the Minister to communicate with the public more effectively, because inappropriate use of antibiotics could have severe effects. Some of the medical interventions that are reliant on antibiotics, whether gut surgery, joint replacements, caesarean sections or chemotherapies, could become too dangerous to perform if we do not get this right.](#)

David Tredinnick Conservative, Bosworth

[Is my hon. Friend aware that there is strong evidence that herbal medicine can help treat conditions currently treated by antibiotics, but there is a desperate need for more research? Is she also aware that homeopathic medicine can do the same, particularly with upper respiratory tract infections, and that homeopathic treatments are now the second largest medical system in the world, according to the World Health Organisation?](#)

Diane Abbott, Shadow Secretary of State for Health

[Millions of people around the world are dying annually from resistant infections. In the light of that and the positive correlation between antibiotic resistance rates and antibiotic consumption, urgent action needs to be taken. What steps and cross-departmental work is the Minister taking to address the findings of the Review on Antimicrobial Resistance and to reduce the unnecessary use of antimicrobials in agriculture?](#)

Health: Target Antibiotics Toolkit

Oral Answers to Questions – Health- in the House of Commons at 12:00 am on 5th July 2016.

Chris Green, Conservative, Bolton West

[What assessment his Department has made of the uptake of the Target antibiotics toolkit among NHS commissioners and GPs.](#)

Chris Green, Conservative, Bolton West

[I thank the Minister for her reply. Disappointingly, the most recent data show Bolton to be one of the highest prescribers of antimicrobial agents in Greater Manchester, and it is in the highest quartile nationally. Although Bolton CCG has seen reductions in antibiotic prescribing following guidance given to GPs, when will the Target antibiotics toolkit be fully implemented across all CCGs in England?](#)

Chris Evan, Labour/Co-operative, Islwyn

[The growth of antibiotic resistance is a massive problem worldwide, as the Minister knows. No new antibiotics have been classified for more than 25 years. This is a real problem, as antibiotic resistance increases. What are the Government doing to address the issue?](#)

Antibiotics: Drug Resistance

Department of Health written question – answered on 13th July 2016.

Kevin Hollinrake, Conservative, Thirsk and Malton

[To ask the Secretary of State for Health, with reference to recommendation 9 of the final report of The Review on Antimicrobial Resistance, published in May 2016, whether and within what timescale the Government plans to consider possible changes to its purchase and distribution systems for antibiotics.](#)

Jim Shannon, Shadow DUP Spokesperson (Health), Shadow DUP Spokesperson (Transport), Shadow DUP Spokesperson (Equality)

[To ask the Secretary of State for Health, what steps he is taking to tackle antimicrobial resistance.](#)