

UKZADI Terms of Reference – March 2013

1. To co-ordinate and implement actions and advice (as appropriate) from Member organisations relating to important trends and observations which impact on animal and public health, including where necessary preventative and remedial action.
2. To review the current situation on trends of zoonotic disease in humans or animals and reports of emerging syndromes at the national and global level.
3. To provide a strategic overview to ensure overall co-ordination of public health action at the UK, national and local level, and **the need for** underpinning research with regard to existing and emerging zoonotic infections and trends in anti-microbial resistance (AMR).
4. To audit as necessary any follow up action required and ensure that this is co-ordinated across Government and Devolved Administrations (DAs). In addition, the Group will seek, when necessary, risk assessment advice from relevant expert advisory bodies with an interest in the field of zoonotic diseases and animal diseases and infections. The group recognises the need to seek input from relevant stakeholders, both in the private and public sector, and experts in relevant fields as appropriate.
5. To promote and facilitate activity leading to better understanding of zoonoses and the risks to public health, including identification of national research and surveillance needs to meet current and future requirements in relation to infectious diseases of veterinary and **zoonotic importance**.
6. To act as the focal point for the exchange of views within and between central Government departments and Agencies, DAs and local Government on matters relating to infectious diseases of veterinary and public health significance.

Ways of working

CMOs and CVOs are members, and will be invited to meetings and receive papers, but will not routinely be expected to attend. They have the option to convene a meeting, but in general it will be the responsibility of their department's nominated delegate to ensure they are appropriately briefed on matters discussed.