

MINUTES OF VMD MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING HELD ON 14 DECEMBER 2017

Members	Others Present
Julia Drown - Chair David Corner Andrew Coulson	Pete Borriello - CEO VMD Paul Green - VMD Linda Simmons - VMD Mike Griffiths – VMD
Observers	David Kennedy – Director General, Food, Farming and Biosecurity System Kath Webster - Director of Scientific Services, APHA Chris Abbott – VMD – Note taker

VMD MANAGEMENT BOARD ONLY ITEMS:

1. Apologies for absence

1.1 None.

2. Declarations of interest in the matters to be discussed

2.1 None.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

3.1 Members agreed the minutes of the previous meeting.

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4. Matters Arising

4.1 None.

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5. CEO's Report

Annexes

5.1 Members reviewed the CEO's Report and noted updates on the following:

- A stakeholder workshop is being arranged for Q1 or Q2 next year to seek their views on anthelmintic use and resistance.
- The VMD has written to the EMA to ask that they stop changing the nature of the UK's involvement before the UK exits EU.
- Pete and Abi Seager are leading on forging links with Saudi Arabia.
- Ties are being strengthened with New Zealand and Australia, including joint labelling.
- The VMD is looking into obtaining membership of VICH which harmonises and issues international guidelines. Currently it has access through the EMA.
- UK antimicrobial sales, as described in the VARSS 2016 report, have fallen significantly, meeting the 20% reduction target 2 years ahead of schedule.

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5.2 Members were impressed by the international work being undertaken and congratulated the VMD on successfully reducing antimicrobial usage using voluntary rather than regulatory methods.

5.3 Members noted that the commission tasked with maintaining legislation after EU Exit is due to examine the primary powers required for making VMR changes in Q1 2018 and asked to be kept informed if this was not met.

ACTION

5.4 The results of the Civil Service Staff Survey were reviewed. Members noted the relatively high staff engagement index score for VMD employees and asked for a presentation on the exercise at the next meeting and that junior staff be invited to attend to give their views.

ACTION

6. Delivery against the Business Plan 2017/18

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6.1 The Board noted progress against the Business Plan and were content with the delay to publishing the One Health report until December 2018, as this is done jointly with DH and they wish for a delay. The Board wished to congratulate the VMD on achieving so much of the business plan with no areas at risk of not being delivered, despite all the additional work of EU Exit and introducing a new finance system.

7. Finance Reports

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7.1 Members noted the information in the October 2017 Management Accounts pack and agreed that there were no concerns. Although applications were below the budgeted income it was expected that cost recovery for the veterinary pharmaceutical industry would be achieved.

9. Management Board Work Plan

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9.1 Members noted the work plan.

10. Any Other Business

10.1 None.

11. Future meetings

11.1 The next meeting will be held on 8 March 2018.

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