

Defra antimicrobial resistance co-ordination group

Ninety second meeting

Tuesday 25th March 2025

10:30 – 14:30

Present:

Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute, Northern Ireland (AFBI)
Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA)
Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Northern Ireland (DAERA)
Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA)
Environment Agency (EA)
Food Standards Agency (FSA)
Public Health Scotland (PHS)
Scottish Government (SG)
Scotland's Rural College (SRUC)
UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA)
Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD)
Welsh Government (WG)

1. Update on recent findings

The data presented under 'Update on recent findings' are obtained from clinical samples submitted for diagnostic purposes by private veterinary surgeons to the network of government laboratories and their partner providers in England and Wales, Scotland, and Northern Ireland, from ongoing monitoring of healthy livestock, and investigations of human *Salmonella* outbreaks in those regions.

The results presented in this section are preliminary and are subject to change. The final annual figures will be published in the '*Salmonella* in animals and feed in Great Britain' and the 'UK-VARSS' annual reports and will be made available via GOV.UK.

1.1 England and Wales

- *Salmonella* Typhimurium was detected in six pigs, one in cattle and in one raw pet food sample.
- Monophasic *Salmonella* Typhimurium was detected in two pigs.
- *Salmonella* Kentucky was detected in a dog.

1.2 Scotland

- *S. Typhimurium* was detected in five pigs.
- Monophasic *S. Typhimurium* was detected in three pigs.
- Livestock-associated methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (LA-MRSA) was detected in a pig.

1.3 Northern Ireland

- Fully sensitive *S. Typhimurium* was detected from a carcass swab.
- A single monophasic *S. Typhimurium* was detected from cattle.
- Extended-spectrum beta-lactamase (ESBL-) producing isolate was detected in a calf.
- Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) was isolated from a swab from a sheep.

1.4 LA-MRSA in people

- UKHSA provided an update on LA-MRSA, as part of enhanced One Health surveillance for AMR.

2. EU updated antimicrobial consumption methods and its implications for the UK

The VMD provided an overview of antimicrobial sales and usage monitoring in the EU.

3. One Health Report (OHR) messaging and key take homes

The UKHSA shared key points about the messaging for the Fourth UK One Health Report, which is expected to be published by April 2026.

4. AOB

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5. Date of next meeting

24th June 2025.