

Defra antimicrobial resistance co-ordination group

Ninety-fifth meeting

Wednesday 11th February 2026

10:30 – 13:30

Present:

Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA)
Agri-Food and Biosciences Institute (AFBI)
Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas)
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)
Public Health Wales (PHW)
Scotland's Rural College (SRUC)
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 from scanning surveillance of *Salmonella* in livestock, dogs, and animal feedstuffs.

The results presented in this section are preliminary and are subject to change. The final figures will be published annually in the '*Salmonella* in Livestock Production in Great Britain' and the 'UK-VARSS' report, and periodically in the 'UK AMR One Health Report'. These reports will be made available via GOV.UK.

1.1 England and Wales

- An *S. Typhimurium* with nalidixic acid and ciprofloxacin resistance was detected in a pheasant.
- An *S. Brandenburg* resistant to nalidixic acid was detected in a dog.
- A multi-drug resistant (MDR) *S. Dublin* was detected from cattle.
- An *S. Kendougou* resistant to apramycin and gentamicin was detected in pigs.
- Extended-spectrum beta lactamase (ESBL) *S. Typhimurium* was found in 3 horses.

1.2 Scotland

- ESBL *E. coli* (OXA48-like carbapenemase) was detected in a dog.
- One methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus pseudintermedius* (MRSP) was detected in a dog.

1.3 Northern Ireland

- Three cases of *S. Typhimurium* were reported: one porcine (fully sensitive) and two ovine (both resistant to erythromycin and neomycin, one also resistant to tetracycline).
- Monophasic *S. Typhimurium* were detected: two cattle and two pig all showing resistance to tetracycline, neomycin, erythromycin and ampicillin.
- One MDR methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) was detected in a pig.

1.4 LA-MRSA in people

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

2. DARC meeting arrangements and horizon scanning

- Members discussed proposed changes to DARC meeting frequency, Recent Findings, and the potential introduction of horizon scanning as an agenda item.

3. Preliminary results from Northern Ireland baseline study of MRSA in healthy pigs at abattoirs in 2025

- DAERA and AFBI presented preliminary findings from a 2025 baseline survey on prevalence of LA-MRSA in healthy pigs at slaughter.

4. FSA-funded raw pet food survey findings

- UKHSA shared findings from the FSA-funded survey “Microbiological and antimicrobial resistance (AMR) contamination found in raw dog and cat food on retail sale in the UK”.

5. Scottish One Health AMR Research Register (SOHAR) Project

- A guest speaker from the University of Strathclyde presented an overview of the SOHAR project.

6. Update on the joint DARC/APRHAI (Advisory Committee on Antimicrobial Prescribing, Resistance and Healthcare Associated Infection) meeting focusing on a One Health review of deliverables across the National Action Plan (NAP)

- VMD shared an update on the progress of a joint DARC/APRHAI exercise to prioritise delivery across NAP commitments.

7. AOB

N/A

8. Date of next meeting

23rd June 2026.