

RUMA SCIENTIFIC GROUP

TERMS OF REFERENCE AND WORKING ARRANGEMENTS

Terms of Reference

Purpose of the Scientific Group

To provide impartial scientific advice to RUMA on all aspects of responsible use of medicines, particularly in relation to antimicrobial resistance (AMR) and antibiotic use in animals.

Role

- To ensure a scientific basis is retained in all RUMA strategy, activities and communications, including RUMA websites
- To advise and steer on matters of a scientific nature, e.g. antibiotic use targets
- To act as expert spokespeople when needed in media and presenting at conferences
- To review the need for RUMA guidelines to be updated
- Provide a new look at who the audience is for guidelines

Outputs

- Scientific advice to RUMA for their consideration
- Scientific Group Impartiality Statement
- Declaration of Scientific Group Members' Interests

Outcomes

- RUMA's position statements and guidelines based on up to date science.
- RUMA's position presented in media interviews and at conferences by scientific group members.
- A Communications Plan developed by RUMA for reporting on the Scientific Group's work.

Working arrangements

- Meetings - quarterly face to face meetings with a teleconference in between if required.
- Discussions will be held under Chatham House rules (i.e. comments not attributable) and minutes can be published.
- Items for the agenda can be suggested by members or by RUMA Officers.
- People with different expertise can be co-opted by RUMA Officers to the Group and others may be invited to speak to the Group.
- Most communications will be by email. These should be replied to or acknowledged as read but please don't "respond to all", unless required.
- Members can apply for the payment of expenses for travelling to meetings (see below)