

RUMA TARGETS TASK FORCE

TERMS OF REFERENCE AND WORKING ARRANGEMENTS

Terms of Reference

Purpose of the TTF

- To facilitate development of sector specific antibiotic use targets by June 2017.
- The targets can be in the form of a plan of concrete actions designed to reduce antibiotic use over a period of time with clear intermediate targets including the amount of reduction in use that the plan aims to achieve. Each sector specific plan will include guidance on maintaining animal welfare and seek to maintain the commercial viability of the sector.
- The TTF will agree a definition of unnecessary antibiotic use.

Role

- The TTF will provide a co-ordinating role for the development of sector specific antibiotic use targets encouraging engagement within each sector and working together so that sectors can learn from each other.
- RUMA will provide the Chair and Secretariat for the TTF and will work with members to develop a framework for each sector to customise.

Outcomes

- Sector specific antibiotic use targets by June 2017 that will meet political, scientific and farming requirements. The plans will be owned and implemented by the sectors.
- A Communications Plan developed by RUMA for reporting on the TTF's work.

Success

- Antibiotic use targets which reduce unnecessary use and do not compromise welfare or drive inappropriate antibiotic usage e.g. reduced dosage or treatment periods or increased use of Critically Important Antibiotics.
- Sharing best practice between sectors.
- Avoidance of hard regulation.

Working arrangements

- Meetings - 2 monthly face to face meetings at Stoneleigh with a teleconference in between if required.
- Most communications will be by email. These should be replied to or acknowledged as read but please don't "respond to all" unless required.
- There should be no competition between sectors and we must all recognise our individual and global responsibilities.