

Antimicrobial Resistance Animal Health Group — Annual Review 2025



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The Wales Antimicrobial Resistance Animal Health Group was established in 2024 for a five-year term. The group help to advise the Welsh Government and aid our approach to addressing AMR in Wales. The work is supported by Arwain DGC (Defnydd Gwrthfioleg Cyfrifol) whose delivery efforts contribute to the Animal Antimicrobial Resistance Control Plan for Wales (2025–2029).



CVO celebrates success at Arwain Awards

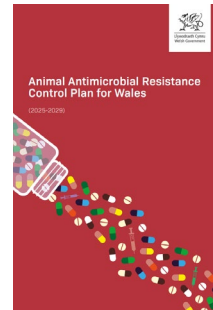
The Arwain DGC awards for 2025 were held at the Royal Welsh Show in July. Richard Irvine, Chief Veterinary Officer for Wales, presented awards for Livestock Vet, Livestock Farmer and Livestock Veterinary Practice. The awards were presented to Welsh vets and farmers demonstrating exemplary efforts to reduce antibiotic usage and encourage responsible antibiotic use.

Continued success for Wales Veterinary Prescribing Champions Network

The Wales Veterinary Prescribing Champions (VPC) network, supported by three new clinical leads, has had continued success this year. Their annual meeting, held in May, included looking at how VPC's can use data-driven benchmarking to aid their practices. The network has also supported One Health workshops bringing together veterinary and frontline medical staff as well as those working front of house.

Publication of the Animal Antimicrobial Resistance Control Plan for Wales (2025–2029)

A new plan outlining the goals and targets for reducing AMR and increasing responsible antimicrobial use, in Wales, was published by Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Climate Change and Rural Affairs, Huw Irranca-Davies in March. The plan aligns with the UK AMR National Action Plan (2024 – 2029) and was recommended by the Wales AMR Animal Health Group.



AMR delivery success at National Awards

The Welsh Government funded AMR project, led by consortium Arwain DGC, had great success at this year's UK Antibiotic Guardian Awards. Arwain DGC were shortlisted in three categories and won the

Animal Health, Agriculture & Food Supply category, for the programmes coordinated approach for AMR in Welsh livestock, and the Innovation and Technology category for their work with Welsh Lamb and Beef Producers on the AMU calculator.

International recognition for Wales AMR Programme

The Arwain DGC programme has been recognised by the prestigious Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations. Arwain DGC was recognised for its outstanding demonstration of innovation in advancing Sustainable Livestock Transformation. This continues the global interest in Wales AMR control.



Syndromic Surveillance of Welsh Livestock

Six veterinary practices have been recruited to an Arwain DGC pilot being run by University of Liverpool. Over 50,000 consultations have been submitted to the system so far which aims to analyse health records to monitor antimicrobial usage over several clinical syndromes.