

Dairy UK Position Paper Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) April 2018

Dairy UK Position – for industry use

1. Both the dairy sector in general and Dairy UK in particular are fully alert to the challenge of AMR and are working proactively to tackle the issue.
2. In conjunction with the NFU, Dairy UK has established the Dairy Antimicrobial Stewardship Group. The group is comprised of representatives from all relevant industry stakeholder organisations (see full list below). This group acts under the auspices of RUMA.
3. The primary function of this group is to create a strategy to achieve the targets for the reduction in use of antibiotics in the dairy sector, agreed by RUMA and launched in October of 2017 (see full details of target below).
4. These targets were drawn up by the RUMA Targets Task Force in consultation with the Veterinary Medicines Directorate and the Food Standards Agency. The Stewardship Group expects to publish the finalised strategy by the summer of 2018. The strategy will identify the responsibilities and actions required by the stakeholders participating in the group.
5. Members of the Stewardship Group are as follows: RABDF (Chair), RUMA, Dairy UK, NFU, NFUS, FUW, UFU, AHDB, Red Tractor, NOAH, NML, BCVA, LAA and Arla and Lactalis as two representative milk purchasers.
6. Targets for reduction in antibiotic usage in the dairy sector are as follows:

Dairy Sector Targets

	Subject	Baseline Figure	Targets 2020	% Change
1	HP-CIA injectables (mg/PCU)	1.075*	0.538	-50%
2	HP-CIA intra-mammary use (DCDVet)	0.332*	0.166	-50%
3	Intra-mammary tubes – dry cow (DCDVet)	0.842*	0.674	-20%
4	Intra-mammary tubes – lactating cow (DCDVet)	0.808*	0.727	-10%
5	Sealant tube usage (average number of courses per dairy cow)	0.5*	0.7	+40%
6	Total usage (mg/PCU)	26.2**	21.0	-20%

7. A full report of the Targets Task Force can be found at:
<http://www.ruma.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/10/RUMA-Targets-Task-Force-Report-2017-FINAL.pdf>