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BOARD TASK FORCE AMR

NOVEMBER 2018 GENERAL MEETING

Update of the CED AMR Position

- The BTF has prepared an update to the 2014 CED AMR Position. The update reflects the developments in the recent years and the policy actions both at European and international level.

Meeting with the European Centre for Disease Control (ECDC)

- Brussels Office staff met with the ECDC in September to discuss possible future collaboration.
- As a follow-up, the CED has invited the ECDC to speak at the November General Meeting, which is one day after the European Antibiotic Awareness Day.
- ECDC Survey of healthcare workers knowledge and attitude about AMR
 - The ECDC is further planning to create a survey together with stakeholders, including dentists.
 - Objective: establish a baseline to assess the knowledge and attitudes of healthcare workers on AMR.
 - Target: doctors, dentists, nurses, midwives, pharmacists, hospital managers
 - Scope: sent to healthcare workers in EU/EEA, Norway and Iceland (translated into their own languages) – approx. 10-15 questions (multiple choice, no open answers).
 - Outcome: the report will be similar to a Eurobarometer study, so more focused on data provision and will not have any recommendations in this first step (may follow later).
 - Coordinator: Public Health England
 - Our involvement: we can be part of the survey group creating the survey and support in the follow-up.
 - Timeline:
 - Oct: development of draft survey with survey group (EAAD technical advisory committee, stakeholder group representatives, contractor, ECDC staff)
 - Nov: survey draft to be pilot tested
 - Dec: finalisation of survey, translation and prep of system
 - Jan: survey implementation
 - Feb: follow-up and analysis
 - May: publication of results

- Additionally, the ECDC asked for a 1 page statement for the European Antibiotic Awareness Day or alternatively, the CED can publish the updated CED position on 16 November if adopted by the delegates.
- Lastly, it was discussed that specific toolkits could be created for dentists (similar to what already exists for doctors).

European Antibiotic Awareness Day

- The EAAD takes place every year on 18 November, and a Brussels launch event is scheduled for 15 November.
- In order to support the EAAD, you can find the EAAD banners that can be placed on your websites or in your newsletters at: <https://antibiotic.ecdc.europa.eu/en/about/banners>.
- If you are active on Twitter, you can use the following hashtags to tweet about antimicrobial resistance and stewardship: #EAAD and #keepantibioticsworking

Joint Action on AMR and Healthcare Associated Infections (JAMRAI)

- The CED will participate in the first annual JAMRAI conference and stakeholder forum on 8-9 November in Vienna.
- The Joint Action partners will discuss the progress on the different work packages and will offer an opportunity to stakeholders to give input on the work packages.
