

# Advisory Group on Military Medicine (AGOMM)

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# Background to AGOMM

- Set up in 2008
- Previously was 'Advisory Group on Medical Countermeasures' (AGMC)
- Broadened scope required:
  - Operational need
  - New medical interventions
  - Capability gaps in specific expertise

# Reason for Visit to DHB

- Identify areas of similar interest and work
- Determine scope for interaction between the two advisory bodies:
  - Share views on relevant issues
  - Consider joint working groups for problems common to both military
  - Exchange appropriate output documentation
  - Maintain awareness of each others work

# Topics for Discussion

- The charter or purpose of AGOMM, as requested by UK military
- The kinds of professional skills and talents represented in AGOMM members
- The structure of AGOMM (e.g. committees, task forces, leadership of AGOMM)
- How connect into UK military
- Regular interactions with uniformed and civilian leadership of UK military (e.g. Services' Surgeons General)
- How does AGOMM receive requests for assistance from UK military
- As an independent advisory body are you permitted to identify areas of need and propose them to UK

# Topics for Discussion

- The charter or purpose of AGOMM, as requested by UK military:
  - Non-Departmental Public Body (NDPB)
  - Independent expert advice to Secretary of State for Defence
  - Work with Surgeon General's Department on specific issues
  - Provide expert advice for urgent operational requirements
  - “Top Cover”

# Topics for Discussion

- The kinds of professional skills and talents represented in AGOMM members
  - Acute (Emergency) Medicine
  - Anaesthetics and ITU
  - Medicines Approval and Licensing
  - Ethics and Law
  - Clinical Pharmacology
  - Clinical Toxicology
  - Medical Microbiology
  - Vaccinology
  - Clinical Infectious Diseases
  - Occupational Medicine
  - Radiation Medicine
  - Psychiatry
  - Trauma Surgery

# Topics for Discussion

- The structure of AGOMM (e.g. committees, task forces, leadership of AGOMM)
  - Chairman (& Deputy)
  - Secretary (SO1 NBC/MedInt)
  - Executive Officer (SG)
  
  - Members
  
  - Officials
    - Military
    - Defence civil service
    - Health civil service

# Topics for Discussion

- The structure of AGOMM (e.g. committees, task forces, leadership of AGOMM)
  - Sub-committees
    - Special Medical Countermeasures
    - Medical Implications of Less Lethal Technologies
  - Working Groups e.g.
    - Vaccination Policy
    - Blood Borne Viruses
    - Haemostatics
    - Trauma Recovery - AFIRM
    - PHP Patch

# Topics for Discussion

- How connect into UK military:
  - Based in Defence Medical Services - SG's Department
  - Networked by SO1 NBC (AGOMM Secretary)
  - Security Clearance
  - Notional ranks

# Topics for Discussion

- Regular interactions with uniformed and civilian leadership of UK military (e.g. Services' Surgeons General)
  - UK has only one SG
  - Directors General of Army, Navy, Air Force Medical Services
  - Visits to military establishments (hospitals now in NHS)
  - Attendance at exercises
  - Attendance at research reviews
  - Operational updates and Threat briefings

# Topics for Discussion

- How does AGOMM receive requests for assistance from UK military
  - Secretary of State's Office
  - SG's Department Staff
  - Other MOD Departments e.g. CBRN Policy, Procurement, Chief Scientist, DG S&T
  - Individual service e.g. Army Medical Service
  - Operational command

# Topics for Discussion

- As an independent advisory body are you permitted to identify areas of need and propose them to UK:
  - Meeting's Agenda approved by Chairman
  - Members raise areas of concern through Chairman
  - AGOMM opinion taken by SG to MoD
  - Annual Report to SofS

# Other Defence Advisory Groups

- SG's Research Strategy Group
- Defence Scientific Advisory Council
  - Register of Security Cleared Subject Matter Experts
- Independent Ethics Board



