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