



**BRITISH
PHARMACOLOGICAL
SOCIETY**

Today's science, tomorrow's medicines

Learned societies taking action to tackle antimicrobial resistance

A partnership of learned societies representing 75,000 scientists has come together to lead the fight against antimicrobial resistance.

Stemming the rise of antimicrobial resistance is one of humanity's great challenges. UK Prime Minister David Cameron has said that antimicrobial resistance threatens to cast medicine 'back into the dark ages' and the UK Department of Health has recently published a five year antimicrobial resistance strategy.

In response to this, seven UK learned societies have formed the Learned Society Partnership on Antimicrobial Resistance (LeSPAR) to support actions that can mitigate this global challenge. LeSPAR aims to provide a single, unified voice and mobilise the UK's collective research community in order to enhance understanding and knowledge sharing between academia, industry, and clinicians. The group is focused on taking action, championing best practice and raising awareness of the global challenge of antimicrobial resistance.

LeSPAR will achieve these aims by:

- Supporting researchers in creating, sharing and applying knowledge
- Organising focused events to enable networking and knowledge exchange, and to promote effective collaborations across disciplines and sectors
- Engaging with government and other funders to achieve policy and funding support for the antimicrobial research community and connecting expertise from our membership to policy makers
- Assembling information on relevant resources and meetings

Membership

LeSPAR comprises:

Biochemical Society
British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy
British Pharmacological Society
Royal Society of Chemistry
Society for Applied Microbiology
Society for General Microbiology
Society of Biology

Collectively, these Societies represent around 75,000 scientists.