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Exploring perceptions of bacteriophage use in the UK

Response 4: Scottish
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Dear AMI Policy Team,

Thank you for your correspondence dated 30th July 2025 to highlight the work of Applied Microbiology International and your recent report on the role of bacteriophage to address the threat of Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR). As an official with responsibility for the Scottish Government's response to AMR, I have been asked to reply.

The Scottish Government is committed to addressing AMR and is working closely with other UK nations to implement the UK AMR National Action Plan (2024–2029) and its wider strategic vision. Scotland chooses to take a One Health approach, engaging with a diverse range of stakeholders, and we continue to look for new ways to apply this to the UK AMR Action Plan. The Action Plan also includes a commitment to delivering innovative research. This could include exploring the use of bacteriophage.

Policy officials are keen to make connections across One Health areas to support innovation and better understand how it can be integrated into the delivery of the AMR National Action Plan. If this would be of interest, please get in touch via the email hai-amr_policy_unit@gov.scot to discuss.

I hope this information is helpful

Yours sincerely

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