



## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS PATHOGENS**

### **WORK PLAN for 2010/11**

#### **Issue**

1. Based on last year's work plan (Annex 2) and current developments, a work plan for 2010/11 has been drafted for Members' consideration (Annex 1).

#### **Action**

2. Members are asked to consider the draft ACDP Work Plan for 2010/11 and suggest any amendments.
3. Once the Work Plan is signed off by the committee, it will be put on the ACDP HSE website at: <http://www.hse.gov.uk/aboutus/meetings/committees/acdp/>
4. The ACDP TSE Working Group will agree their Work Plan (Annex 3) for 2010/11 at their meeting on 7th July 2010, and this will also go on the ACDP website.

**Secretariat**

**May 2010**

## ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DANGEROUS PATHOGENS

### DRAFT WORK PLAN for 2010/11

1. To formulate a common set of containment measures to apply to animal and human pathogens following the review of the regulatory framework for animal pathogens (Callaghan review).
2. To maintain oversight of the work plan of the ACDP TSE Working Group.  
<http://www.dh.gov.uk/ab/ACDP/TSEguidance/index.htm>
3. To complete the revision of the ACDP 1996 Guidance: 'Management and Control of Viral Haemorrhagic Fevers'.
4. To revise the ACDP advice on working with influenza viruses of known pandemic potential, in conjunction with the Scientific Advisory Committee for Genetic Modification.
5. To draft additional guidance on working with Escherichia coli, following the Griffin investigation into the outbreak at Godstone Farm.
6. To review and update existing ACDP published guidance.

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### WORK PLAN for 2009/10

1. To formulate a common set of containment measures to apply to animal and human pathogens<sup>1</sup>, following the review of the regulatory framework for animal pathogens (Callaghan review).
2. To advise the Department of Health on the type of isolation facilities to be provided within the NHS.
3. To maintain oversight of the work plan of the ACDP TSE Working Group.
4. To complete the revision of the ACDP 1996 Guidance: 'Management and Control of Viral Haemorrhagic Fevers'.
5. To consider the re-categorisation of Polio virus – dependent on the progress of the global polio eradication programme.
6. To develop additional guidelines to add to existing ACDP advice on working with influenza viruses of known pandemic potential, in conjunction with the Scientific Advisory Committee for Genetic Modification.
7. To draft additional guidance on working with *Neisseria meningitidis*.

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<sup>1</sup> As a minimum this will involve revision of 'The Management, Design & Operation of Microbiological Containment Laboratories' and 'The Principles, Design & Operation of Containment Level 4 Laboratories'

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### DRAFT WORK PLAN for the ACDP TSE Working Group 2010/11

1. To review and update as necessary the current TSE guidance\* (Parts 2 and 3, and Annex H are currently under revision).
2. To re-write Annex G of the TSE guidance\* on specialist equipment.
3. To draft an additional annex of the TSE guidance\* to provide comprehensive and up-to-date advice on surgical procedures involving medium risk tissue.
4. In conjunction with the work of ACDST†, to consider and draft relevant guidance when necessary on the handling and disposal of single-use surgical instruments.
5. To continue to promote the TSE guidance\* to healthcare and research workers, through their professional bodies and at relevant conferences.
6. To address issues of risk management as they arise.
7. To update issues on Health & Safety and lab containment to the TSE guidance\* in keeping with the new Single Regulatory Framework.

\* The TSE guidance referred to above is the "Transmissible spongiform encephalopathy agents: safe working and the prevention of infection" available from:  
<http://www.advisorybodies.doh.gov.uk/acdp/tseguidance/>  
The guidance was published in 2003 but individual sections are revised as further scientific information becomes available or future policy decisions need to be reflected.

† ACDST – Advisory Committee on Decontamination Science and Technology