

Questions raised on Antibiotics - January 2015

Dental Services: Antibiotics

Department of Health

20th January 2015



Sarah Wollaston Conservative, Totnes @ 20th January 2015

To ask the [Secretary of State](#) for Health, how many antibiotics were prescribed by out-of-hours dentists in each quarter of the last three years.



Daniel Poulter The Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Health @ 20th January 2015

The exact information requested is not available. Dental prescribing data is published annually at national level and antibiotic prescribing by dentists can be found in table 4.2 on page 20 in the report "Prescribing by Dentists, England 2013" which is available at the link below. This information is not collected in a form that separates in and out of hours prescribing, nor is there quarterly data.

<http://www.hscic.gov.uk/catalogue/PUB14016/pres-dent-eng-2013-rpt.pdf>

Poultry Industry

House of Commons

20th January 2015



Roger Williams Liberal Democrat, Brecon and Radnorshire

The hon. Gentleman makes a strong point and I hope to touch on those issues later.

I am sure the House will join me in recognising the importance of this sector to rural constituencies such as mine, but also the national contribution that the poultry industry makes. It is consequently of concern that as the TTIP negotiations progress, a number of serious risks to the UK poultry meat sector are emerging. Those risks are rooted in the different standards of poultry production on the two sides of the Atlantic. Let us be clear: the standards in areas such as sustainability, food hygiene and antibiotic usage differ greatly between the UK and US.

Pork Exports


Environment , Food and Rural Affairs

29th January 2015



Kerry McCarthy Shadow Minister (Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs)

According to the [Soil Association](#), which is based in Bristol, in the past four years Dutch farmers have reduced antibiotic use by 58%, which means that British pig farmers now use more than three times more antibiotics than their Dutch counterparts. Would it not make our exports more attractive to overseas markets if we were to follow the Dutch example and set a similar 50% target for reducing [UK](#) farm antibiotic use?

 **D** we are making sure we don,t catch a cold

— Submitted by David Britton [Read 1 more annotation »](#)



Elizabeth Truss The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs

I know that British farmers are working on that. This country has very competitive pork producers, who are expanding markets overseas, and it is vital for the health of our agriculture industry.