

# UKHSA signs memorandum of understanding with ECDC

The memorandum of understanding (MoU) [aimed to strengthen the collaboration](#) between the 2 agencies on matters of communicable diseases prevention and control.

The areas of mutual interest for cooperation under this MoU include:

- epidemic intelligence – sharing information rapidly, particularly in the event of a public health emergency
- health risk assessments
- laboratory capacity-building and enhancement to detect and respond to emerging disease threats of global health importance
- antimicrobial resistance
- healthcare-associated infections

Dr Jenny Harries said:

I am pleased to sign this agreement with Director Ammon today. This MoU demonstrates UKHSA's ongoing commitment, on behalf of the UK, to the closest possible collaboration with ECDC.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us, communicable diseases do not respect borders. UKHSA firmly believes that health security collaboration with our international partners is imperative to protect all our citizens.

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