



## **Reactive Oxygen® comes under the spotlight in the House of Commons**

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**Conservative MP Andrea Jenkyns asking questions in the House of Commons about Reactive Oxygen® technology and Government response to antibiotic resistance crisis.**

REACTIVE Oxygen® came under the spotlight in the House of Commons today (Tuesday July 5) as “an incredibly exciting development” in the war against antimicrobial resistance (AMR).

Now health ministers have pledged to meet British biotech company, Matoke Holdings Ltd, which developed the powerful new technology.

Conservative MP Andrea Jenkyns (Morley and Outwood) questioned Jane Ellison, Public Health Minister, live on television about what the Government is doing to combat the drug resistance crisis.

Prime Minister David Cameron set up the Review on Antimicrobial Resistance, led by Lord O'Neill, which published its final report in May 2016. The recommendations are being taken to the United Nations, the G7 and G20 informal blocks of countries.

Ms Jenkyns, whose father died from MRSA and who campaigns for improved patient care, said: "I recently met biotech firm Matoke Holdings which has developed a new technology, Reactive Oxygen®.

"It has found this technology forms the basis for a whole new generation of antibiotics, which has been proven to combat multi-drug resistant bacteria, including MRSA. This is an incredibly exciting development."

The Tory MP then pushed for health ministers to meet Matoke Holdings "to hear about the new technology and the pace at which has developed." She also questioned what the Government is doing to support research into new antibiotics.

Ms Ellison told Ms Jenkyns that "a key focus of the O'Neill review was how to incentivise the development of new antimicrobials," adding "It is scary to think that there has not been a new class of antibiotics or some decades now."

Ms Ellison said: "The Government is funding an extensive AMR research programme. Matoke Holdings has been in touch with the Department and we are in the process of arranging a meeting to discuss Reactive Oxygen® technology in the coming weeks."

The Public Health Minister said her colleague, Under Secretary of State for Life Sciences, George Freeman, has indicated he is also happy to meet.

Commenting later Ian Staples, chief executive of Matoke Holdings Ltd, said: "We are very grateful to Andrea for championing Reactive Oxygen® – a British innovation. She knows from personal experience how deadly superbugs are and the urgent need for new treatment and infection prevention strategies."

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#### **Notes to editors**

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