



## **Global Antimicrobial Stewardship Accreditation Scheme (GAMSAS)**

### **Information for Local Experts, External Assessors and Accreditation Panel members**

#### **Overview of GAMSAS**

GAMSAS is a process developed by BSAC and led by experts in antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) which will set measurable standards for AMS and work in collaboration with client organisations to meet these standards and receive accreditation.

The aim of GAMSAS is to support healthcare organizations to build and sustain robust and measurable AMS programmes including support to enable them to make contributions to local, national, and global data collection/surveillance which is a key ambition within the WHO AMR action plan.

#### **GAMSAS accreditation process**

The GAMSAS process involves a cumulative cycle of supported and self-assessment activities over a 2–3-year period comprising the following:

- Information gathering via self-assessment questionnaires with support from GAMSAS team (BSAC staff, an External assessor and Local expert).
- Review of information and preparation of a report and recommendations by GAMSAS team in collaboration with client organisation.
- Consideration by Accreditation panel and accreditation level awarded.
- Recommendations and actions for improvement agreed to facilitate higher level of accreditation (if applicable/feasible).

#### **Roles within GAMSAS**

- **BSAC team**

GAMSAS is hosted and managed by BSAC via a dedicated website, Programmes Manager and supporting secretariat. Funding for GAMSAS is provided by a mix of external sponsors and participating client organisations.

- **Local AMS expert**

Local experts will be identified in the country or locality of a client organisation under assessment. They may be appointed via self-nomination or nomination by a national body/organisation. The local expert works with the independent external assessor and liaises with the client to provide a desk-top assessment of the AMS capacity of the locality and the organisation.

- **External Assessor**

External assessors are appointed for their expertise and experience following self-nomination or nomination by a national body/organisation. Individuals may be considered for both local expert and external assessor roles, thus contributing their knowledge and expertise both within their own region (local expert) and globally (external assessor). External assessors will work with the BSAC team to support the local expert and the client in the desk-top assessment of the AMS capacity of the locality and organisation. Following completion and review of the questionnaires the external assessor will lead a virtual Q&A session with the client and local expert and a draft report will be presented and discussed. The Final report and recommendations for action will then be presented to the client by the external assessor prior to consideration by the Accreditation Panel.

- **Accreditation Panel**

The Accreditation Panel will comprise a pool of 15-20 members from across differing health economies. Individuals who are engaged as local experts and external assessors can also apply to be accreditation panel members but will only be involved in panels for clients they have not already worked with within the process. A minimum of 5 panel members will be called to meet and assess accreditation applications. The mix of panel members will be determined by the applications received. The panel will discuss each application report with the External assessor for each client and agree on the accreditation level achieved as well as suggested improvement actions.

**Application process for local experts, external assessors, and accreditation panel members**

Initial enquiries for self-nomination can be made via the GAMSAS website <https://ams-accredit.com/> BSAC will also actively engage with national organisations and networks across the globe to scope potential candidates for these roles.

Interested individuals will be required to complete an application form to provide a summary of their experience in AMS. Applications will be reviewed by the BSAC team and a pool of suitable candidates formally engaged to support GAMSAS.

These roles are remunerated with standard fees payable for each client episode and for each accreditation panel meeting.

Any enquiries about the GAMSAS process and roles available should be made to:  
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