





In August this year, we will have another training course for sheep small holders. The course is for people who want to learn about disease prevention, handling sheep, feet



issues, injection techniques, vaccinations, drenching, BCS assessment and preparation for pre-tupping and next lambing season.

We will consider prevention and treatment for mastitis and

lameness. There will be time to discuss the latest vaccines and products available for sheep, management and data recording

as well productivity evaluation will be explained.

The course is arranged on the **30th of August** at **Doonies Rare Breeds Farm**. The course will start 10.30 a.m. and finish around 2.30 p.m. Please let anyone know who might be interested and a



place can be booked by phoning Ardene House Vet Practice Ltd on 01224 740 700 or speak to one of our farm vets.

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As part of IVC we have been provided with support from some of the veterinary pharmaceutical companies to enable us to look at how products are being used. This can be done by analysing the data on VetIMPRESS.

There are many reasons to reduce the use of antibiotics on farm and make better use of vaccinations. To enable us to examine of the data which is available we would like to help you by recording treatments to specific animals.

We are working on having the VetIMPRESS animal details updating with the information held on the Cattle Tracing System (CTS). We require your CTS Web Service credentials (which are different than your CTS Online username and password).

To get your CTS Web Services credentials you should contact BCMS by email: bcms-enquiries@bcms.rpa.gsi.gov.uk or telephone 0345 050 1234.

Once you know these then please let one of the farm vets know and we can get Eryk to put these into VetIMPRESS. Some of you have already done this and it only needs to be done once.

Being able to record treatments to specific animal identifications also means we will need to remember to take the ear tag of the animals we treat. One of the benefits of doing this means that better record keeping can be done and you can access this data via FarmIMPRESS. It also helps with quality assurance checks such as QMS.



When we have VetIMPRESS connected to CTS and put in treatments for your animals we will be able to discuss this information with you when on farm and it helps with **health planning**. The support we are getting from pharmaceutical companies means that we can look at **vaccine usage for certain age groups**, **antibiotic spend per animal etc**.

Eryk is still going round farms and giving information about VetIMPRESS and FarmIMPRESS to our clients. We have been busy during the spring so he has had less time to do this. But as we get into the quieter summer months he should manage to visit all those who will like help with data recording via these Apps.

The FarmIMPRESS system works via cloud storage and updates with data for our client's farms from our practice management system. All our fam vets have access to your lab reports via VetIMPRESS and this means we have access to lab reports without needing to store lots of pieces of paper.

There are many other benefits which we will gradually introduce, but the first step is to make sure your farm is properly registered. Like all computer systems it only works properly if it gets the correct data. For example it can't work out the antibiotic spend per animal if it does not have animals registered for a particular farm.

Eryk can help you with this and answer IT questions: 01224 740700