

# Animal Health and Welfare Pathway - Funding Update



The pathway was first launched back in February 2023. It aims to improve farm animal health and welfare by providing funding for farmers to support disease investigation. The funding can be used for an annual vet visit to review biosecurity and medicines usage, carry out diagnostic testing and provide advice.

The review is available for farmers who have 11 or more cattle or 21 or more sheep. The initial funding focusses on Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD) in cattle and parasite testing including anthelmintic efficacy in sheep. The following funding is available:

Species	Initial funding available
Sheep	£436
Beef Cattle	£522
Dairy Cattle	£372
Follow-up funding available	
Sheep	£639
Beef Cattle	£215 if initial review results was negative £837 if initial review was positive
Dairy Cattle	N/A - support will be available soon



Further support has been launched in June 2024 to allow farmers to build on actions taken from the initial review or to address other diseases on the farm. The follow up review must be completed no more than 10 months after the initial AHWP review. This follow up round of funding is currently available for beef and sheep holdings.

### Beef cattle

Further testing for beef cattle continues to focus on BVD. If the initial AHWP testing was negative for BVD, the follow up should focus on biosecurity. This will include assessing farm boundaries, stock movement, cleaning, vaccination and the BVD Free accreditation program.

If the initial test was positive for BVD, a focused biosecurity assessment should be completed and further testing for persistently infected cattle in the herd through blood or tissue sampling should be performed.

### Sheep

Further testing for sheep focusses on a wider range of diseases. Funding can be provided for one or multiple conditions from several categories including ewe health, reproductive performance, lamb performance, neonatal lamb survival, external parasites and lameness. The funding should be used for appropriate disease sampling and to review biosecurity and medicine usage.

For more information please go to:  
[www.gov.uk/guidance/farmers-how-to-apply-for-funding-to-improve-animal-health-and-welfare](http://www.gov.uk/guidance/farmers-how-to-apply-for-funding-to-improve-animal-health-and-welfare)  
or speak to a member of our farm team on 01889 567200.

# Forthcoming Events

## Brailsford Ploughing Match

Wednesday 2nd October 2024

By kind permission of Mr & Mrs Paul Harris & family  
Middleton Park Farm, Alkington, Ashbourne DE6 3DH

Please join us for a hog roast and a chat!



## Free SELEKT Pump Service Clinic

Tuesday 10th September

at 10am

Drop off your SELEKT pump at the practice prior to the clinic or come along on the day

## Bovine Respiratory Disease

Bovine respiratory disease (BRD) or pneumonia is the most common reason for death and poor performance in young cattle and costs the UK cattle industry an estimated £50 million a year (source: AHDB). As we head towards the housing season we encourage you to start thinking about how this might impact your herd.

**We are holding an evening meeting on Tuesday 10th September at Marchington Woodlands Village Hall, Tinkers Lane, ST14 8PF at 7.30pm.**

We will be covering how to diagnose and test for the disease, vaccination options and housing. Everyone is welcome to attend and light refreshments will be provided, kindly sponsored by MSD Animal Health.

Please phone the Farm Office on 01889 567200 to reserve your place.



## Do you keep birds in England and Wales?

- Register online by 01 October 2024
- You are breaking the law if you keep birds and do not register



In England and Wales, all bird keepers must register with the APHA by 1st October 2024. By registering you will help manage potential avian disease outbreaks and limit any spread.

Animal & Plant Health Agency

Register online at [gov.uk/poultry-registration](https://gov.uk/poultry-registration)