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Dear vet

Vet resources for Animal Health and Welfare Pathway Annual Health and Welfare Review

Following extensive, expert input from colleagues at BCVA, SVS and PVS, we are delighted to bring you a range of resources to assist vets and vet led teams in carrying out the Annual Health and Welfare Review, part of the Animal Health and Welfare Pathway. These resources have been funded by Defra, delivered by AHDB and involved collaboration with the pig, sheep and cattle (beef and dairy) industries.

The videos provide easy, cost free access to requirements for conducting Reviews as well as optional guidance. They are aimed primarily at vets and vet led teams who are undertaking Reviews for species they are less familiar with but could be useful as a refresher for all.

Some aspects may be useful to share with your wider practice team, particularly if they are supporting you in delivering Reviews.

The eight available resources include:

1. 5 x 20-minute videos containing guidance on different elements of the Annual Health and Welfare Review with links to useful resources for vets:
 - i. Disease testing
 - ii. Biosecurity
 - iii. Annual Health and Welfare Review for sheep
 - iv. Annual Health and Welfare Review for cattle
 - v. Annual Health and Welfare Review for pigs
2. A laboratory submission form for PRRS testing
3. Video guidance for blood sampling piglets under 13 weeks of age
4. Factsheet guidance for blood sampling pigs 13+ weeks of age

These will be available on the AHDB webpages via a single link [Annual Health and Welfare Review: resources for vets | AHDB](#).

A reminder that the Annual Review can be used for the purposes of veterinary attestations [Veterinary attestation for animal health visits \(previously veterinary declaration\) - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

The Rural Payments Agency can be contacted for any queries on the Annual Review process or the testing laboratories for queries on the disease testing required.

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If you have any queries about the information included in the videos, please contact:

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If you have any queries on the AHW Pathway policies, please contact:

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Yours sincerely,

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