



APHA Briefing Note 06/18

Government Veterinarians Wellbeing Scoping Survey

Purpose

1. To alert Official Veterinarians (OVs) of the launch of a new [survey](#) intended to capture information relating to the wellbeing of veterinarians undertaking government work.

Background

2. The survey has been launched by the [Association of Government Veterinarians \(AGV\)](#) in close collaboration with [Government Veterinary Services \(GVS\)](#). It applies both to vets directly employed by government departments and also vets working for government under contract, such as OVs. The aim is to recognise and help raise awareness of the multiple challenges faced by veterinarians undertaking roles for government as a distinct subset of the veterinary profession.
3. Following the survey, a report will be collated to present key information that:
 - Identifies existing issues affecting government vet's wellbeing
 - Identifies existing tools to promote wellbeing within government and consider developing new ones if necessary.
 - Identifies best practice
 - Identifies any gaps in the wellbeing services currently available that veterinarians in government roles would benefit from
4. This initiative also has support from the UK Chief Veterinary Officer, Government Veterinary Services, Defra, APHA and Food Standards Agency wellbeing advisers and the [Veterinary Public Health Association \(VPHA\)](#). The survey was launched at the spring AGV/VPHA conference that took place on the 17th of March under the theme "Brexit and the Vet Profession".
5. The survey runs until Saturday 16 June 2018.

Further Information

- Link to the survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/vetswellbeing>

- You can read more about the survey on the [Government Veterinary Services blog](#).
- If you have any questions about the survey please contact Rebeca Garcia Rebeca.Garcia@apha.gsi.gov.uk

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