



APHA Briefing Note 08/19

Update on Implementation of Recommendations from the 2018 OCQ(V) Review

Purpose

1. To notify all OV's of the implementation of further recommendations from the OCQ(V) review, as detailed in the APHA Briefing Note 05/19 issued on 31 January 2019.

Background

2. APHA Briefing Note 05/19 was issued on 31 January 2019 to notify OV's of the outcome of the 2018 OCQ(V) review.
3. The Briefing Note informed OV's of the approved recommendations and indicated that where timelines for implementation were not provided, these would be communicated to OV's in future Briefing Notes.
4. In addition, some recommendations required further investigation and consultation – for example, with course accreditation providers – before finalising.
5. This Briefing Note provides an update on two of the recommendations.

Invigilation Requirements

6. The option of permitting a more flexible invigilator choice for OCQ(V) examinations for all OV's (to reduce the time and cost burden and assist those working in sole-charge or remote practices) has been further discussed with the course accreditation providers.
7. Registered Veterinary Nurses (RVNs) are now permitted to act as invigilators for the OCQ(V) examinations. OV's and RVNs are reminded that the Code of Professional Conduct for Veterinary Nurses (especially the five principles of practice) are applicable to invigilation.

CPD Requirements

8. The details for the option to permit the time taken for completion of course scenarios to be considered as CPD have now been agreed with the course accreditation providers. Each scenario completed can now contribute up to one hour of CPD for the relevant qualification.

Action for OVs

9. Full details of both changes have been added to the training website and OVs should refer to these before completing any qualification.

Implementation of Outstanding Actions from the Review

10. Work is progressing on further recommendations and further updates will follow as information becomes available.

Further Information

- <https://www.improve-ov.com/home/>
- Contact the APHA OV Team – CSCOneHealthOVTeam@apha.gov.uk

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