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## APHA Briefing Note 11/21

# New Post-Mortem Providers join APHA's Scanning Surveillance Network in England and Wales

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### Purpose

To inform Official Veterinarians that three additional post-mortem examination (PME) providers have joined the scanning surveillance network. These are the Universities of Cambridge, Liverpool and Nottingham.

### Background

The addition of these three new PME providers broadens the expertise of, and contributors to, livestock disease surveillance in England and Wales and brings livestock premises in the areas they cover closer to a post-mortem provider.

They join the five current PME Providers (Royal Veterinary College, University of Surrey, the Wales Veterinary Science Centre, University of Bristol, and SRUC Veterinary Services St Boswells) that work together with the six APHA Veterinary Investigation Centres, all of which will continue their valued contribution to scanning surveillance.

### Action

As shown in the map below, there will be some livestock premises for which the allocated PME provider changes, and the free carcass collection service may no longer be provided for some holdings. The [APHA postcode search tool](#) allows you to see the situation for your clients' premises. This is based on the postcode of the premises from where an animal is to be submitted rather than your veterinary practice.

- Each PME Provider has an assigned area as shown in colour on the map below.
- Within each assigned area, the yellow areas show where premises are eligible for free carcase collection and delivery of animals to the PME Provider.
- Premises within non-yellow areas need to arrange to deliver animals themselves.
- The postcode search tool identifies and provides contact details for the allocated PME provider and indicates if the premises is eligible for free carcase collection.
- If a vet wishes a premises to submit to a different PME provider in the network from that allocated, that is possible, subject to agreement with the provider, however free carcase collection is only available for premises identified as eligible by the postcode search tool.
- To arrange a PME, please call the relevant PME provider and speak to the duty VIO/vet.

## Further Information

If you have queries which are not addressed in this message, please contact the APHA Surveillance Intelligence Unit [SIU@apha.gov.uk](mailto:SIU@apha.gov.uk) for more information.

