



APHA Briefing Note 12/17

New sheep disease surveillance dashboard and refreshed surveillance and diagnostics web pages on the APHA Vet Gateway

Purpose

1. To inform Official Veterinarians (OVs) that APHA has launched a new [sheep disease surveillance 'dashboard'](#) and has also published updated surveillance and diagnostics web pages on its [Vet Gateway](#).

Background

The sheep disease surveillance dashboard:

2. The dashboard displays diseases diagnosed in sheep across GB in an attractive and interactive format. Diseases of interest can be selected by county, country or across GB by using the interactive map. Filters can also be used to show diagnoses by time period and age group of sheep. Vets can now quickly and easily access information on the most common diagnoses in an area, or learn where specific diseases have been diagnosed. Once a view has been selected, it can be downloaded as an image to use in a document or presentation.
3. The data are taken from diagnoses made by APHA's Veterinary Investigation Centres (VICs) across England and Wales, from the network of surveillance partners working with APHA (universities and others) who provide post mortem services under contract, and from Scotland's Rural College Disease Surveillance Centres in Scotland operated by SAC Consulting Veterinary Services.
4. These data have historically been made available via the [Veterinary Investigation Diagnosis Analysis \(VIDA\) reports](#) and the [animal disease surveillance reports](#). The sheep disease surveillance dashboard offers a user-friendly means of accessing the information and allows you to tailor the data to your requirements.

5. The dashboard can be accessed from the [APHA Vet Gateway](#). Similar dashboards for other farmed animal species are under development and will be rolled out over the next year.

Refreshed surveillance and diagnostics web pages

6. APHA has updated its surveillance and diagnostics web pages on the [Vet Gateway](#) so they contain more species-specific information and provide more detail on how vets can contribute to scanning surveillance in Great Britain. The new content and changes include:

- New, dedicated pages highlighting the work of APHA's Species Expert Groups and specialist areas such as toxicology and parasitology, as well as useful links to information on findings from the surveillance network.
- Easy-to-navigate information on the diagnostic and post-mortem services network provided by APHA and its partners.
- Advice on how to submit samples to APHA for investigation, or seek free expertise and advice from a Veterinary Investigation Officer.

Further Information

- If you have any queries, contact details for your nearest Veterinary Investigation Centre and the wider surveillance network can be found [here](#).

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