



APHA Briefing Note 15/17

New cattle disease surveillance dashboard

Purpose

1. To inform Official Veterinarians (OVs) that APHA has launched a new cattle disease surveillance dashboard on its [Vet Gateway](#).

Background

2. Following the successful launch of the [sheep disease surveillance dashboard](#) (see [OV Briefing Note 12/17](#)), APHA has now released a cattle disease surveillance dashboard. The dashboards are collectively known as the ruminant surveillance dashboards and both can be accessed via the [Vet Gateway](#).
3. The cattle dashboard shares the same features as the sheep dashboard with the addition of being able to select dairy or beef. 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 cattle. 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.
4. 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.
5. These data have historically been made available via the [Veterinary Investigation Diagnosis Analysis \(VIDA\) reports](#) and the [animal disease surveillance reports](#). The cattle disease surveillance dashboard offers a user-

friendly means of accessing the information and allows you to tailor the data to your requirements.

6. An avian dashboard, a dashboard for pigs and another for wildlife are under development and will be rolled out over the next year.

Further Information

- APHA has refreshed 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 includes:
 - 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](#).
- 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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