



## APHA Briefing Note 21/17

### Decrease in cost of private interferon-gamma blood TB testing

#### Purpose

1. To inform Official Veterinarians (OVs) that the cost of privately funded interferon-gamma (IFNG) blood tests for TB in cattle has reduced as of 1 October 2017.

#### Background

2. APHA introduced this testing as part of new cattle measures to help achieve TB freedom. As of April 2016, farmers in England have been able request their private veterinarian to perform this test and submit blood samples for TB testing to an APHA laboratory at their own expense.
3. The use of private IFNG testing is beneficial where owners seek additional assurances as to the TB-free status of animals over and above those afforded by government-funded statutory testing.
4. **IFNG test cost (from October 2017 to March 2018)**

	Single test	5+ tests	10+ tests
Cost per test for:			
High Specificity Test	£22.20	£18.00	£17.00

<b>High Sensitivity Test</b>	£16.20	£13.00	£12.00
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5. More information about how to request this testing, when it is beneficial to use this test and the situations where this test cannot be used can be found on the [APHA Vet Gateway](#).

#### **Further Information**

- GOV.UK news item - [APHA offers private blood testing to help diagnose TB in cattle](#)

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