

# **APHA Briefing Note 23/17**

## New GB pig disease surveillance dashboard

### **Purpose**

**1.** To inform Official Veterinarians (OVs) that APHA has launched a new pig GB disease surveillance dashboard on its Vet Gateway.

### **Background**

- 2. Following the successful launch of the sheep and cattle disease surveillance dashboards (see OV Briefing Notes 12/17 and 15/17), APHA has now released a pig disease surveillance dashboard. These three dashboards are collectively known as the livestock disease surveillance dashboards and can be accessed via the Vet Gateway.
- **3.** The pig disease surveillance dashboard has been developed to share the surveillance information from 2012 onwards derived from submissions to the GB veterinary diagnostic network which includes:
  - APHA's Veterinary Investigation Centres (VICs) across England and Wales.
  - The network of surveillance partners working with APHA (universities and others) who provide post mortem services under contract.
  - Scotland's Rural College Disease Surveillance Centres in Scotland operated by SAC Consulting Veterinary Services.
- **4.** The pig dashboard includes the same useful features as the sheep and cattle dashboards and also contains the main clinical sign reported for the diseases.
- **5.** Diagnoses can be selected by county, country or for the whole of GB by using the interactive map. Filters can also be used to show diagnoses by time period and age group. Vets can 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.
- **6.** It is important to use full-screen to view and to read the 'overview' page before accessing dashboard as it has background information aiding interpretation and tips on how best to view and filter the information.
- 7. The data presented were historically made available via the Veterinary Investigation Diagnosis Analysis (VIDA) reports and the animal disease surveillance reports. The livestock disease surveillance dashboards offer a user-friendly means of accessing the information and allows you to interrogate the data to suit your requirements.

#### **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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