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Notifiable Disease Outbreak Training: Automatic Expiry of Course Access

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Purpose

1. To notify Veterinary Surgeons holding the Notifiable Disease Outbreak Training (NDOT) course of a new automated process that will be implemented on 8 September 2022 to expire access to the NDOT course for anyone who completed it more than six months ago.
2. Anyone who completed the course more than six months prior to 8 September will have their access removed on 8 September. From 8 September, the access will be automatically removed six months after the course was completed.
3. To notify Veterinary Surgeons who are deployed or will be deployed for outbreak work of the actions required in response to expiry of course access.
4. The details below are specifically for veterinary surgeons deployed through one of the Veterinary Delivery Partners (VDPs) in England and Wales to carry out Notifiable Disease outbreak work on behalf of APHA.
5. Veterinary Surgeons in Scotland need to be aware of the information but should refer to their local APHA office for further details of the training requirements for assisting with outbreaks in Scotland.

Background

6. You are receiving this communication as you have previously completed the Notifiable Disease Outbreak Training (NDOT) course. This course is delivered through Improve International on behalf of APHA.
7. Any veterinary surgeon deployed through a VDP to work on behalf of APHA on disease outbreaks must have completed the NDOT course in the six months prior to their deployment. This ensures that they have accessed the latest information and training.
8. As such, a new automated process will be implemented on 8 September 2022 to expire access to the NDOT course for anyone who completed it more than six months ago.

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Action

9. You do not need to take any immediate action if:
- you are not currently assisting with any disease outbreak work or
 - you completed the NDOT course within the last six months

10. However, if you completed the course more than six months ago and intend to assist with disease outbreak work, you will need to re-enrol and complete the course again.

Your Veterinary Delivery Partner (VDP) will provide the code that will enable you to access the course free of charge.

11. If you are currently deployed on disease outbreak work and your NDOT course access is removed, please contact the APHA OV Team as soon as possible to discuss options for the immediate situation – you will still be eligible to carry out the work in the interim.

Further Information

12. APHA OV Team - CSCOneHealthOVTeam@apha.gov.uk