Important Changes To The Way APHA Commissions
TB Testing & Other Services

Delivery Partners - England and Wales

From 1st April (Wales) and 1st May (England) APHA will no-longer allocate work directly to OV Practices.

All new TB testing and other Official Veterinarian (OV) work will be undertaken by 7 regional suppliers (known as Delivery Partners) who will be responsible for allocating local vets and ensuring testing is carried out to a high standard. The new contracts require Delivery Partners to offer testing work to eligible veterinary businesses operating within their geographical regions. OV Practices wishing to continue to undertake government paid work must contact the Delivery Partner/s operating in their region:

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All work allocated by APHA to OV Practices prior to this date will remain with those practices and they will be responsible to APHA for its completion. Payment for this work will be made under APHA’s current procedures. The changes do not apply in Scotland, procedures there remain unchanged.

Sam

All OV Practices will continue to use Sam.

Delivery Partners will use Sam to allocate work to the practices contracted to them. The process for the completion and submission of TB test results on Sam by OVs will remain unchanged. All OV Practices, whether contracted or not to a Delivery Partner will continue to also submit private (e.g. Pre-Movement) testing through Sam.

OV Practice Work Baskets

Enhanced information will be provided detailing the Work Area, Delivery Partner (if applicable) and Allocation Date (the date the instruction arrived in your workbasket); these can be filtered for and sorted:
Anthrax, Brucellosis and Other veterinary Services

All existing procedures for notifying APHA of suspicion of disease, abortions etc.. Remain in force.

In addition to the TB testing of cattle, all other services delivered for APHA such as Anthrax or abortion enquiries following reports received from keepers will be carried out by OV Practices working for Delivery Partners.

APHA will authorise and commission this work using a new Sam activity (WSA) on which information in relation to time spent on the task and its completion must be submitted. The Sam WSA will not capture any disease reporting data or results, all existing paper forms (e.g. AN02) remain valid and must be submitted to APHA.

For further information about the introduction of Delivery Partners, background to the changes, and a Question and Answer on how they might affect your practice please visit the Official Veterinarians pages of our website.