



# Note of the Animal Health Surveillance Governance Board (AHSGB) Meeting 11

<b>Date</b>	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 2017
<b>Location</b>	Nobel House, Defra, London
<b>Attendees</b>	Chair: Paul Roger (PR) External members: Paul Burr (PB), Nick Fenwick (NF), Ian McGrath (IM). <i>Ex officio</i> members and Policy Customers: Richard Irvine (RI), Gavin Watkins (GW), Ellen Brown (EB), Gordon Hickman (GH) & Nigel Gibbens (NG). Secretariat: Jane Tennant (JT).
<b>Speakers</b>	Kate Sharpe & Hayley Atkin (BVA)
<b>Apologies</b>	Graeme Cooke (GC)

## Agenda

1. Welcome, Apologies & Conflicts of Interest Register
2. Review of Minutes, Action points and Recommendations from previous meeting
3. Update on the GB Surveillance Framework
4. Update on the Review of the AHSGB
5. British Veterinary Association – Surveillance Working Group presentation
6. Update on attendance at other meetings
7. Measures of Surveillance
8. Scanning Surveillance Development Programme Update
9. Dates & locations of next meetings
10. Any Other Business

## Minutes

<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome, apologies &amp; Conflicts of Interest Register</b>
1.1	Paul Roger welcomed all to the meeting; Graeme Cooke sent his apologies. The conflicts of interest register was reviewed and updated.
<b>2</b>	<b>Review of Minutes, Action points and Recommendations from previous meeting</b>
2.1	The minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and approved by the Board as a complete and accurate record of the meeting.
2.2	The report of the review of the AHSGB has now been circulated to the Board and was discussed at the meeting.
2.3	<b>Board Recommendation:</b> <i>Ensure that there is a time limit/timeframe stated within the original Terms of Reference for any review. In this case there were a number of key external stakeholders that wanted to see the review before it was released, which delayed the ultimate release.</i>

<b>3</b>	<b>Update on the GB Surveillance Framework</b>
3.1	Gordon Hickman, on behalf of Graeme Cooke, explained that this is a working draft and the scope is continually being refined as work moves forward. The document seeks to set objectives for scanning surveillance, what outcomes should be, where government should play a role, where industry should play a role etc. Overall the document will be concise and all comments are welcomed.
3.2	A current proposed revised structure for UK Surveillance Governance was provided for information and comment. The proposed structure is not yet confirmed but shows the intention to have a common set of outcomes and common approach to surveillance across all four of the UK Administrations.

<b>4</b>	<b>Update on the Review of the AHSGB</b>
4.1	The Board agreed that they were happy with the content of the review and the recommendations contained within it were discussed, identifying a number of actions that would be relevant to take forward within the new surveillance governance structure. The report will be published at a later date.
4.2	The Board appreciated that some of these recommendations will be impacted by the changing nature of surveillance governance. The Chair highlighted that this was an excellent report and extended the Board's thanks to the author for undertaking a thorough review and report.

<b>5</b>	<b>British Veterinary Association – Surveillance Working Group presentation</b>
5.1	Kate Sharpe, Chair of the Surveillance Working Group of the British Veterinary Association gave a presentation on the interim findings of the BVA's recent survey on membership perspectives of surveillance.

<b>6</b>	<b>Update on attendance at other meetings</b>
6.1	The Board would like to invite a representative from the Government Digital Advisory Service to the next meeting.
6.2	IM provided an update on his attendance at the conference for the Centre of Expertise for Extensively Managed Livestock.

<b>7</b>	<b>Measures of Surveillance</b>
7.1	Richard Irvine gave an overview of the paper on measures and indicators of surveillance to the Board.
7.2	The Board requested that with some amendments made, as discussed at the meeting, they would now like to see a full report including 2017 data; this will be provided for the next meeting.

<b>8</b>	<b>Scanning Surveillance Development Programme Update</b>
8.1	Richard Irvine provided an overview of the Scanning Surveillance Development Programme Plan and a Progress Update Report.
8.2	To date there have been over 6000 internet hits on the new GB livestock disease surveillance species dashboards on the APHA Vet Gateway webpages, showing a

	continuing increase and indicating increased engagement with the public.
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<b>9</b>	<b>Future meetings</b>
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9.1	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March – Nobel House, London to ensure that the new CVO-UK can attend the meeting in person.
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<b>10</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>
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10.1	None raised
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