



## Note of the Animal Health Surveillance Governance Board (AHSGB) Meeting 5

<b>Date</b>	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2016
<b>Location</b>	Council Room, RVC, Camden Campus, London
<b>Attendees</b>	Chair: Dirk Pfeiffer External members: Nick Fenwick, Ian McGrath, Paul Burr <i>Ex officio</i> members and Policy Customers: Richard Irvine, Gavin Watkins & Gordon Hickman. Secretariat: Jane Tennant
<b>Speakers</b>	Richard Irvine, Dirk Pfeiffer
<b>Apologies</b>	Nigel Gibbens, Paul Roger, Christianne Glossop & Tony Joss

### Agenda

1. Welcome & Apologies
2. Review of Minutes, Action points and Recommendations from previous meeting
3. Review & Update of Conflicts of Interest register
4. Annual Review of AHSGB Terms of Reference
5. Update on Draft Surveillance Framework
6. Discussion session and work updates
7. Future meeting agenda items
8. Dates & locations of next meetings
9. Any Other Business

### Notes

<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and apologies</b>
1.1	The Chair opened the meeting and welcomed all attendees.
1.2	Gavin Watkins (Surveillance Policy Lead for the Welsh Government) confirmed that he is the official deputy for Surveillance for the Welsh Government and will attend on behalf of Christianne Glossop, Chief Veterinary Officer (CVO) for Wales.

<b>2</b>	<b>Review of minutes, action points and recommendations from previous meeting</b>
2.1	The actions from the previous meeting were reviewed and all agreed as complete.
2.2	A public webpage for the Board on GOV.UK has now been approved. The link to the page is: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/animal-health-surveillance-governance-board">https://www.gov.uk/government/groups/animal-health-surveillance-governance-board</a>
2.3	The Chairs of the Animal Health and Welfare Board England and the Animal Health and Welfare Framework Group - Wales will be attending a meeting of this Board in 2016, and will also meet with Dirk Pfeiffer separately. Additionally a request has been made for these Boards to include a discussion of AHSGB on the

	agenda of their meetings.
2.4	A Key Performance Indicator (KPI) will be developed for scanning surveillance that the AHSGB could monitor. Input will be sought from the Defra and Welsh Government policy teams.

<b>3</b>	<b>Review &amp; Update of Conflicts of Interest register</b>
3.1	There were no Conflicts of Interest raised by any attendee.

<b>4</b>	<b>Annual Review of AHSGB Terms of Reference</b>
4.1	The Animal Health Surveillance Governance Board Terms of Reference were reviewed and approved. The updated version will be published on the GOV.UK webpage.

<b>5</b>	<b>Update on Draft Surveillance Framework</b>
5.1	Gordon Hickman, Surveillance Policy Lead for Defra, provided an update. The Surveillance Framework will be a framework for Great Britain, as opposed to a strategy for England and Wales only. The Policy Leads from England, Wales and Scotland will draft a top-level level document setting out the strategic direction for scanning surveillance; it will not describe <i>how</i> surveillance will be delivered. The Framework will pick up and take forward the principles already agreed following the AHSGB's review of recommendations from the Surveillance Advisory Group (SAG) final report (2012).
5.2	The Framework document will also be written in context with the new EU Animal Health Law (AHL), which was published in March 2016. This new AHL contains 160 references to surveillance, and the key messages of the AHL are a shift away from eradication and control programmes and towards surveillance and preventive activities and outlines roles and responsibilities.

<b>6</b>	<b>Discussion session and work updates</b>
6.1	Richard Irvine introduced draft "User Stories" developed by the Surveillance Intelligence Unit of APHA; these are hypothetical statements based on experience that provide an important starting point to help ascertain what different stakeholders want from surveillance. In due course the User Stories will be reviewed by the Board and both internal and external stakeholders.
6.2	The Board welcomed the recent publication of the new-format APHA Disease Surveillance Report in the Vet Record, and requested a similar farmer-focused article in a widely available publication that reaches this group regularly. This will be developed in association with the CVO (UK) and the CVO Wales.  Communication and engagement with stakeholders, such as vets and farmers, is a

6.3	key issue. The example of bluetongue was used to exhibit a number of recent publications and information sources developed by the Surveillance Intelligence Unit, working with others, for industry.
6.4	Richard Irvine presented the Surveillance Development Roadmap, which describes visually the conceptual basis for the Surveillance Development Projects for the coming years. This builds on the recommendations from the Surveillance Advisory Group in 2012 and Surveillance 2014. Key aims of this work are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interactive surveillance dashboards for animal disease and distribution linking to diagnostic services.</li> <li>• Engagement and conversations with private veterinary surgeons and farmers, and wider industry.</li> <li>• Scanning Surveillance Informatics Webpages.</li> <li>• 'Club with a Hub' linking and coordinating scanning surveillance intelligence.</li> <li>• Data and information sharing and partnership between government and industry.</li> </ul>
6.5	The key issue in delivery of this vision is the successful resourcing of the projects, which the Board fully supported. It was noted that the Board needs to support the Surveillance Intelligence Unit developing and delivering state-of-the-art scanning surveillance.

<b>8</b>	<b>Future meeting agenda items</b>
8.1	Future meeting Agenda Items identified during this meeting were: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on the GB Surveillance Framework.</li> <li>• Plans for tangible achievable outputs in the current financial year within the Surveillance Development Roadmap.</li> <li>• Freedom of Information and data sharing issues.</li> </ul>

<b>9</b>	<b>Dates and locations of next meetings</b>
9.1	The next Board meetings are planned to take place on 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2016 (Royal Veterinary College, Camden, London) and 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2016 (Cardiff – to be confirmed).

<b>10</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>
10.1	None raised