



Animal Health and Welfare Management Programmes Up to £5555 financial support over the five year period

The Animal Health and Welfare Management Programme, one of the 17 options in the Land Management Contract Menu Scheme, is a very attractive opportunity for many farmers. The first of its kind in Europe, the Programme provides Scottish farmers with a real chance to make a difference to the health and welfare of their animals and the profitability of their livestock enterprises.

Animal Health and Welfare Management Programme:

- A 5-year commitment
- Provide farmers and veterinary surgeons with an opportunity to take a proactive approach towards raising the standards of animal health and welfare on their farm.
- Opportunity for regular veterinary involvement.
- For those choosing this option there are compulsory and voluntary elements of the programme.

Under the compulsory element your vet will carry out an assessment and prepare an animal health and welfare programme. This will inform the treatment of any sick animals and the use of vaccines and other routine preventative medications. **Standard Payment £220 paid annually over the five year period.**

There are four voluntary actions that can be supported as part of an Animal Health and Welfare Programme.

1. **Benchmarking:** Recording basic production measures (e.g. calving rate) and disease symptoms (e.g. abortion). Your vet will show how your enterprise compares with other similar enterprises in the vet practice area or in other parts of the country. **Standard payment: £320 paid annually**

2. **Biosecurity:** Enhancing farm biosecurity by preparing a biosecurity plan and maintaining the fencing surrounding an isolation area to ensure the safe introduction of new stock coming onto the farm. **Standard Payment: £30 for Action Plan paid once & £0.10 per metre (up to 3000m) to maintain the fence around the isolation field.**
3. **Sampling:** Establishing the disease status of your herd and / or flock through your vet undertaking disease testing. **Standard Payment: £155 paid annually.**
4. **Forage Analysis:** Undertaking nutritional analysis of forage/feed samples and advice from a professional nutritionist. **Standard Payment: £110 paid annually.**

Your veterinary surgeon is best placed to give up-to-date, independent advice and prepare a programme tailored to your individual farm. Such programmes are proven to boost profitability, product quality and animal health and welfare. For example, what are the risks to your herd from the spread of liver fluke disease and lungworm? Might your strategy for sheep scab control increase the risk of wormer resistance occurring in your flock?

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