

# An executive government agency

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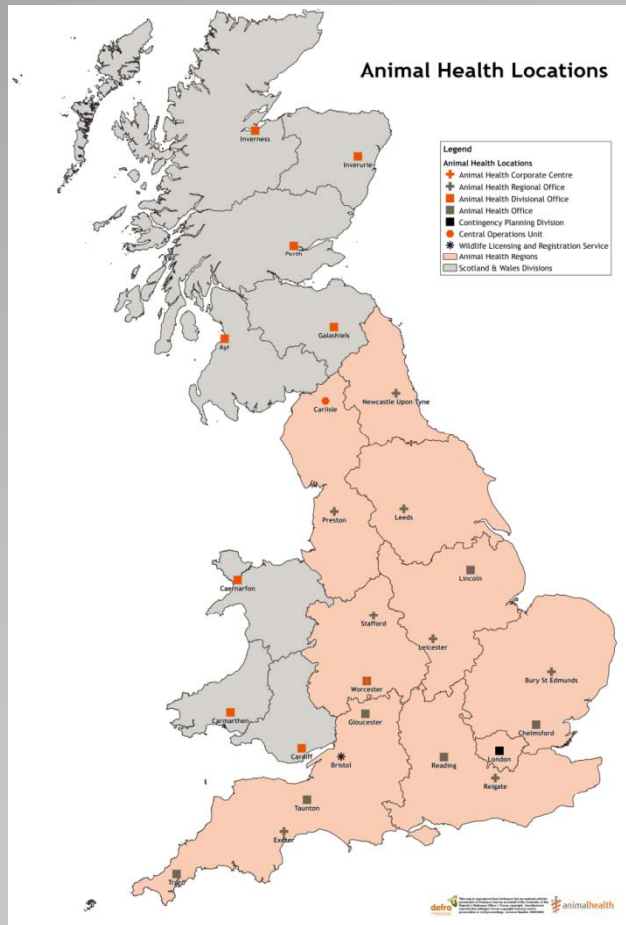
**Animal Health**



- SVS set up in 1860
  - Sheep Pox – poxvirus 1866
  - Cattle plague – “Rinderpest” morbillivirus 1877
  - CBPP 1898 – mycoplasma trade embargo with U.S.A.
  - Glanders and Farcy 1928 – bacterial zoonosis bioterrorism



**History**



**Devolved and re-structured**

- Prime objective –  
ensure good  
standards of  
farmed animal  
health and welfare

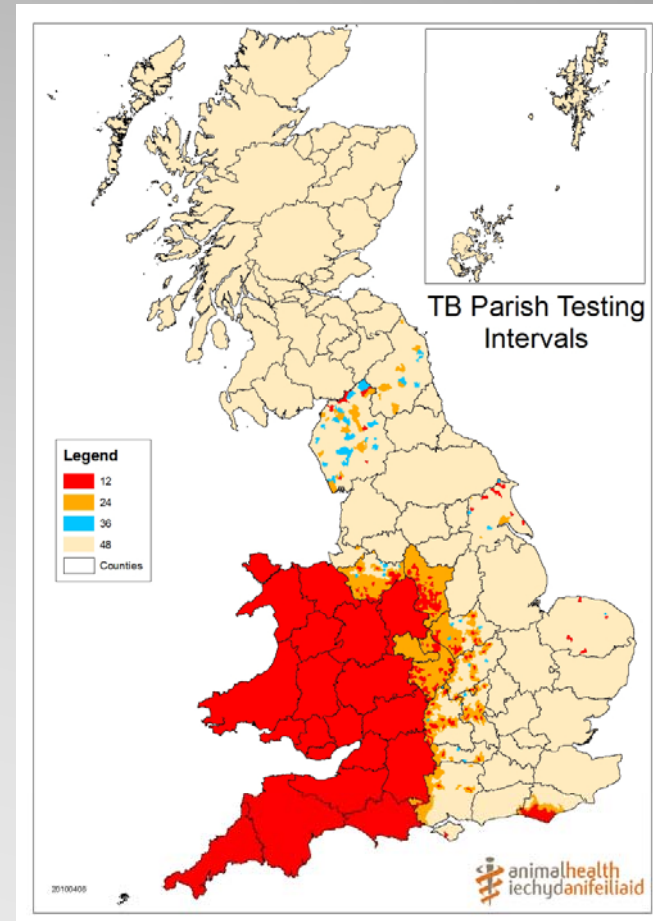


**What we do...**

- Endemic

- TB ...
- Anthrax
- BSE

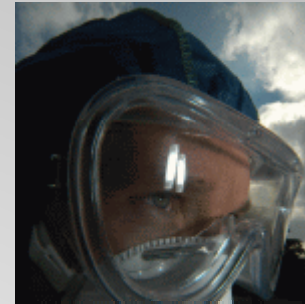
- Scrapie
- PMV in pigeons
- (Sheep scab)



# Notifiable Disease

- Exotic

- Avian influenza (2008)
- Brucellosis (2004)
- Rabies (2008)
- Bat rabies (2008)
  
- FMD (2007)
- Bluetongue (2008)
- African Horse Sickness
- EBL (1996)



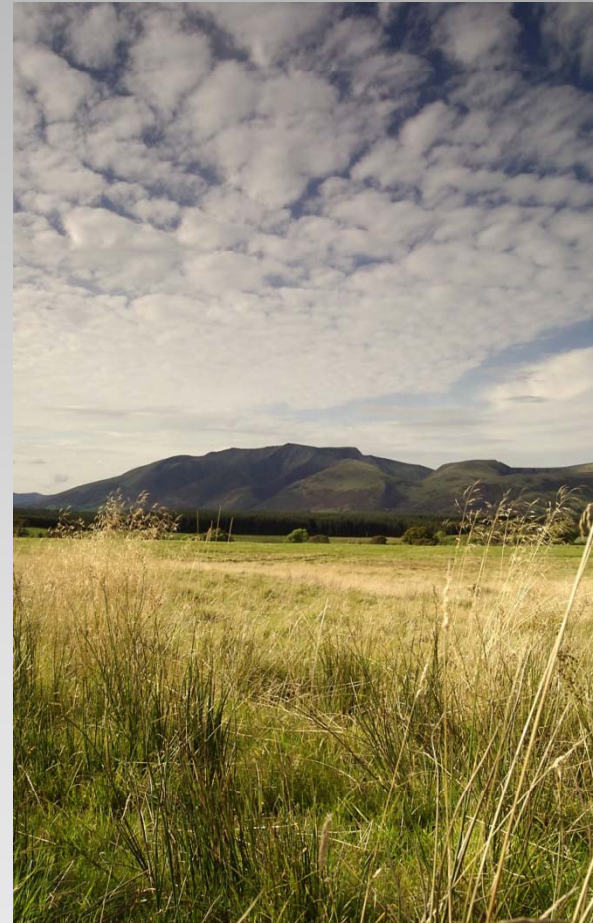
**Notifiable disease**

- Farmer / local vet
  - Report case / consultation case
- Liase with VENDU
- EXD 40, telephone report
- +/- samples
- Restrictions – local / national



**Report cases / emergency work**

- Annual exercise
- Roles for exotic disease outbreak
- RRM, contingency VO and LVIs



## Contingency Planning and Preparedness for exotic disease

- On farm +/- Trading standards
  - Complaints and cross compliance
  - Markets
  - Transport
    - WIT team, long distance licence, export certification

Broiler directive  
Seasonal slaughter



**Welfare**

## Definition

- Open farms, city farms, petting zoos – “premises open to the public where farmed animal species are kept and where interaction with the public is encouraged;”
- Premises to be visited annually re
  - Welfare
  - TB
  - Record checks (medicine / mortality / movements)



**Open farms / city farms**

- Surveillance programme to high risk premises
  - former swill feeders
  - Open farms/ farms with a cafe / city farm
  - High risk premises where non-compliance concerning food waste feeding has previously occurred
  - Hobby farms- where farmed animal species are kept only as pets.



**National Feed Audit**

- Egg marketing inspectorate
- Dairy Hygiene inspectorate
- Residues in meat
- ABP tracings / commercial documents



**Food Chain**

- Markets / shows
- EU Bovine / ovine studs
- Main semen stores
- Long distance hauliers
- ABP premises
  - Rendering
  - Collection Centres
  - Incinerators
  - Composters



**Licensing**

- **Illegal Feeding**
- **AI**
- **BSE**
- **Scrapie**
- **National Feed Audit**



**Surveillance Schemes**

## Imports / Exports

- Post import testing and ability to trace animal moves
- Export Certification EU /Third country (animals, germplasm and animal products)
- Regulate Trade in Endangered species



# International Trade

- Local Authorities
- Veterinary Laboratories Agency
- Veterinary Medicines Directorate
- Rural Payments Agency
- BCMS
- Meat Hygiene Service
- Food Standards Agency (residues in meat investigations)
- Health Protection Agency - Zoonoses



**Working with other agencies**