



**We wish all of our clients a Happy New Year and a Successful 2019!**

***Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to working with you throughout the next year.***

### New Year, New services

We are now a team of 16 Poultry Vets and 2 Poultry Veterinary Consultants covering the whole of the UK 24/7, 365 days a year. This ensures that you have a local poultry vet available when needed and also sees that costs are kept to a minimum as the vets don't have to travel long distances. We also offer "fixed fees" packages to include all your routine testing, vaccines and veterinary health programmes so that you can budget through the year and enjoy fixed prices for 12 months. We do not charge extra for Out of Hours and week end **emergency work**, where we need to go to farms or perform post-mortems or lab tests.

If you would like to discuss your veterinary needs or if you have any questions, please contact Poultry Director Sara Perez [sara.perez@poultryhealthservices.com](mailto:sara.perez@poultryhealthservices.com) or Commercial Manager Nikky Motley: [nikky.motley@poultryhealthservices.com](mailto:nikky.motley@poultryhealthservices.com) and they will ring you for an informal chat.

### Independent Technical services

Every month, our clinical board meets with a large number of suppliers of disinfectants, detergents and other biosecurity products. We also have a number of contacts within the poultry industry that deal with pest control (red mite, flies, beetles, etc) and the best practices when it comes to sanitising the water, ventilation of the house/houses or auditing of your vaccinations on farm. There is so much information available in each of the fields that it is very difficult for a single technician to keep up with innovation in every single subject. Our technical services are performed by experts in each of the fields and are **independent to PHS** (we are not linked to any particular disinfectant and offer impartial advice). The services are normally **free of charge to our clients**; one of the added benefits of being a PHS customer. If you need technical advice in any of the fields, please contact our vets and they will put you in touch with the relevant technical person.

### Product of the Month: Immunoplus

Immunoplus is a uniquely concentrated formula based on a blend of vitamins, minerals and amino acids working alongside other ingredients. It has been specifically developed by Poultry Vets and Poultry Nutritionists in the UK to support and enhance growth thus helping to **optimise response to vaccines**. One of its most popular uses is just before the Gumboro vaccination in broilers, or before the IB vaccinations in laying hens. Some pullet rearers use it on a regular basis to enhance the response to the vaccines during the rearing phase.



It has a zero-withdrawal period in eggs and meat, therefore meaning it is safe to use at any stage of production. The length of the treatment is 3 to 5 days. **To treat a standard flock of 16,000 adult layers would cost you approximately £26 per day. To treat a broiler shed of 20,000 broilers at 17 days would cost you approximately £20 per day.**

To get the most out of it, we recommend adding this and other nutraceuticals into your flock programmes. Together with a number of interventions made during the life of the flock, this can prove extremely useful in improving performance.

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## British Poultry Council award for the PHS team

Alex Royden, the PHS lead vet of the North West and North Wales, received on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December the British Poultry Council award at the House of Commons in London. The award was in recognition of her outstanding contribution in poultry research. Alex has been working with two major UK integrators on Campylobacter control and Biosecurity in broiler farms. She also completed her PhD this year at Liverpool University whilst working at PHS.

Congratulations to Alex for this huge achievement!

Photo: Poultry Director Sara Perez (left) and Alex Royden pose with the award.



## Vet of the Month: Will Ingham



William grew up on a mixed farm of cattle, sheep, arable, and laying hens on the shooting estate of Ledsham & Ledston in Yorkshire, next to the Fairburn Ings RSPB Nature Reserve.

In 2014 he graduated from the Royal (Dick) School of Veterinary Science in Edinburgh. This same year he moved to the township of Bulls in New Zealand to work as a Farm Animal Vet. In 2016 he returned to the UK, and began working for Westpoint Farm Vets.

Finally, in 2017 he was able to turn his love of birds into a career and transitioned into becoming a poultry vet, working with all species, but especially Game Birds, Pigeons, and Backyard Hens, at Retford. As of 2018 William moved to the Sutton Bonington Practice, and became the Lead Vet for Game Birds, Pigeons, and Backyard. In his spare time William enjoys reading and hiking.

## Lucerne for Free Range Layers

We have had a large number of enquiries in the last month regarding Lucerne. This is recommended to prevent feather pecking, as the birds enjoy pecking at the bales of Lucerne, keeping them entertained and also giving an extra supply of fibre and proteins.

We can now source bales of Lucerne for you. The weight of each bale is 15 kilograms and costs **£8 each**. They are individually wrapped and the minimum order is 45 bales (a full pallet), which is a total of £360 plus the cost of the transport. **Please call our Sutton Bonington branch on 01159 516551 if you need more information or want to place an order.**



## Professional fees

Despite the increases in the cost of living and lab consumables, our professional fees have remained the same for our clients for the last 2 years. However, this year we are obliged to pass a small increase of 5% in all our professional fees from the **1st February 2019**. Our fees remain very competitive but if you would like to take advantage of our fixed packages or have any questions regarding this, please contact us. Thank you for your continued support.

## Postal Address

Please note that the redirect from our old York branch to Sheriff Hutton **ends on the 22nd January**. Please make sure that you use the new branch details when sending mail, samples etc.

The new address is: **Poultry Health Services, Castle House, 14 Dales Road, Sheriff Hutton, York, YO60 6RZ**

## PHS Christmas Jumper Day

Well done to everyone who took part in the Christmas Jumper Day on the 14th December. We managed to raise £83.00 for Butterwick Hospice Care and had fun getting in the Christmas spirit! The hospice is a great charity and we were very happy to support them this year.

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