



New Practice opening this month in Shrewsbury (Shropshire)

On the 8th of April PHS will be opening a new practice in conjunction with Quarry Vets at their Bayston Hill Branch, 57 Lythwood Rd, Bayston Hill, Shrewsbury SY3 0NA.

This practice team will be lead by William Ingham, who has been working for PHS since 2017 primarily at the Sutton Bonington practice, alongside Rafael Mala who presently works at PHS Leominster.

Post-mortem examinations will be available at the practice by appointment from 1pm until 3pm. Please call 01568 610343 before 11am to book an appointment. Site visits are also available via the same number.

For more information please email sutbon@poultryhealthservices.com

Product of the month: PROBIO

Probio is one of our best selling products as an alternative to antibiotics. It differs from other probiotics on the market as our Probio contains 2 strains of bacteria and it is very competitively priced. We have seen the best results when it is administered at one day old or following antibiotic treatment so that the likelihood of a further antibiotic treatment is reduced. This product is also recommended as one of the interventions to put in place in farms where salmonella has been recovered in the past, as it helps to prevent re-infection by colonising the gut with "good bacteria". If you are not using it yet and need to know more, contact any of our friendly vets who will be delighted to help.

Vet of the Month: Helena Brewer

Helena graduated in 2012 from the Royal Veterinary College with a degree in Veterinary Pathology and in 2017 obtained her Veterinary degree from Edinburgh University. Helena started working at the Dalton practice in the summer of 2017, and she is currently working at the Sheriff Hutton practice.

She is interested in the gross lesions seen at post-mortem in clinical cases and enjoys working with clients to obtain successful outcomes. Helena recently won the prestigious Cliff Stewart prize for the best poultry practitioner paper.

Helena is also on the Production Animal Clinical Board for Vet Partners. Outside of work Helena enjoys spending time with her rescued bulldog Lacey and her dairy/beef farmer boyfriend



Find us on Facebook:

In February we reached 300 likes on Facebook. We are growing our networking group very quickly – if you want to be the first one to hear about our offers, legislation changes that affect you and find out what is happening in the Poultry World just follow us on Facebook and Twitter and share with your friends!



Flat fee health plans visits and a free water test at the lab!

We are offering flat fee health plan visits at **£100+VAT** (plus travel). This include a free water sample (T&C's apply). The large team of vets can guarantee compliance with strict biosecurity rules so that you have the reassurance that the poultry vet visiting your site is bio secure. If you would like to book your annual health visit at this price, please ring us to make an appointment. You will also benefit from one free water test (TVC) at the laboratory to ensure that your water is of a good microbiological quality.

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Salmonella Testing Changes

On the 10th March 2019 a new Regulation regarding salmonella testing in laying flocks came into place. The main change applies to multi-tier egg producers who are now required to take only 1 pair of boot swabs from the floor, and 2 moistened hand swabs from the discharge end of all accessible belts, after they have been run, swabbing as large an area as possible. **Note that the lab submission forms have changed** so that you can select the relevant test. In case of doubt, please contact the lab team or any of the PHS vets who will be able to advise.



Broiler courses available from this month



Our **broiler passport accredited** online courses will be available this month. These courses are only £20 for clients (£30 for non-clients) and you can print the training certificate at home. You can do as much or as little as you want every day to fit with your day to day work, whilst making sure that you are compliant with the Red Tractor requirements for training. If you would like to enrol on the courses, please contact us at any of the numbers below or log in on <http://farmiq.co.uk/courses/poultry/> and follow the instructions to join the courses.

Brexit update

We have been in contact with suppliers and government bodies on a weekly basis since the start of the year discussing the different Brexit scenarios. Although there is still uncertainty about the outcome of Brexit, we would like to reassure our clients that we are in continuous communication with the different authorities and suppliers to ensure that the interests of our clients are put first. If you have any particular concern about your business, please contact poultry Director Sara Perez for an update on 01347 820366 or email sara.perez@poultryhealthservices.com



Easter opening times

The offices will be closed on Good Friday and Easter Monday, but there will be a **local poultry vet** on call who will be available From Thursday 5.30 pm to Tuesday 8.30 am when you **ring your local PHS practice number**.

The vets will be able to perform post-mortems and visits as required. Please ring as soon as you find the problem so that the vet can deal with your case as soon as possible.

PHS Edinburgh expanding

Our Edinburgh Practice has been up and running for more than 6 months now and the team there will double in size next month when Scott is joined by Catarina Guerreiro. Catarina has been working from our Hereford practices since joining PHS early last year, and is looking forward to bringing her layer and gamebird experience to our Scottish clients in April.

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