



**We wish our clients a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year**

We are leaving a year of consolidation within the Poultry Industry and Poultry Vets, with an increased focus on antibiotic reduction, enhanced animal welfare and proactive health planning. We at PHS look forward to continuing working with you in what promises to be a very exciting 2020, with a number of benefits for our clients coming early in the New Year in a very progressive, rapid changing industry which we are fortunate to be part of.

Thank you for your continued support during 2019, from Sara Perez, Nikky Motley and the rest of the team at PHS.

### Vaccine Orders during Christmas Period

Please ensure that any vaccine orders are placed by **Friday 13th December**. This will guaranteed delivery before the festive period.

### Christmas Opening Hours

The offices will be open normal hours except the following days:

Tuesday 24th December -we will be closing at 3 pm.

The offices will be closed on Wednesday 25th, Thursday 26th and Wed 1st January

As always, there will be a duty poultry vet available and they will be contactable on your local branch number.



### Meet our admin team: Kirstie Park

Kirstie joined the team as a practice administrator in May 2017, after completing her BSc in Animal Management and Science. She then progressed to the role of Practice Manager in December 2018. When out of the office Kirstie is often found volunteering at events such as Horse Trials, and has a keen interest in baking and exploring what the countryside has to offer.



### REMINDER: Salmonella sampling over the New Year holiday:

Royal Mail will not deliver samples to our Edinburgh lab on **Thursday 2 January 2020 (a public holiday in Scotland)**. **The last delivery in 2019 will be on Tuesday 31 December and the first delivery in 2020 will be on Friday 3 January.** Please make sure that you plan your sampling and posting dates to ensure your samples can be delivered within the 4 day testing limit. If you are unsure about the best date to sample, please contact one of our vets who will be able to advise.



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## TNT Christmas & New Year Delivery Schedule

Collection on Monday 23rd December for delivery by Tuesday 24th December.

Collection on Tuesday 24th December for delivery by Monday 30th December.

Collection on Friday 27th December for delivery by Monday 30th December.

Collection on Monday 30th December for delivery by Tuesday 31st December.

Collection on Tuesday 31st December for delivery by Friday 3rd January.



## Royal Mail last Christmas posting dates for 2019

**Wednesday 18th December** for second class mail

**Friday 20th December** for first class mail

**Monday 23rd December** for special delivery

## PHS Sutton Bonington is moving:

Further to the announcement last month that PHS Barton will be moving, we are excited to announce a new premises for PHS Sutton Bonington. In our continued efforts to improve the services we provide, we will be moving from the current shared accommodation at University of Nottingham to a dedicated new office with purpose built PM room. The new premises are approx. 1.5 miles from the current accommodation and will give us the opportunity to continue to deliver all the services as before in our exclusive premises. Look out for more information on the moving date and clients of Sutton Bonington will be contacted with further information about the opening day.

The new site address is:

40a Main Street, Sutton Bonington, Loughborough LE12 5NE

New telephone number for Sutton Bonington is: 01509 458287

## 2020 Prices:

We have had notification from a number of suppliers that prices will rise as from 1st January 2020. Unfortunately these price rises will be passed to clients which will range between 3-5% in most cases. This will apply to most vaccines and medication and some clinical and lab work. We have always and will continue to absorb price rises where we can, hence why this might not apply to all products. For further information please contact your local Practice.

## National Disease status:

The UK remains free of High Pathogenic Avian Influenza, with the last case in the EU being in a bird of prey in January 2019. However, we need to remain vigilant as we are still having birds arriving from northern countries to spend the winter in the UK. The cases of IB QX in broilers and layers continue to be high, together with sporadic cases of Blackhead in turkeys and layers. Due to the wet weather and relatively mild temperatures, the level of worms are unusually high for this time of the year and therefore we would recommend testing for worms as a relative small number of egg worms may become significant very quickly. There have also been a number of Salmonella Typhimurium positive flocks in the last few months and we are now offering veterinary Salmonella Risk Assessments for these farms that had salmonella positives in the past (not necessarily S. Typhimurium or Enteritidis) or farms that want to be proactive in setting up preventative measures.

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