

Chief Executive Officer



Animal Health Ireland (AHI) is a not-for-profit partnership between private sector organisations and businesses in the agri-food sector and the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine. The organisation is tasked with pursuing effective control strategies for economically important diseases of livestock which are not subject to international regulation. Its mission is to contribute to a profitable and sustainable farming and agri-food sector through improved animal health. In partnership with its stakeholders, AHI is responsible for a broad range of services, including: the design and implementation of animal health programmes, many of which are national in scope; the facilitation of dialogue on animal health issues; the provision of training; the development of education and awareness-raising resources; and the coordination of the delivery of and payment for certain animal health services which are funded through the Rural Development Programme. AHI is seeking a Chief Executive to lead a dynamic, high-performing management team within a respected organisation which serves a critically important part of the Irish economy.

The role

- Proactively lead the organisation, directing the reliable, efficient and effective delivery of services and advice
- Develop and implement strategies and policies that clearly reflect AHI's vision
- Establish close working relationships with stakeholders, earning their trust through effective communications
- Manage a highly professional team by motivating, supporting and developing
- Determine funding requirements, assist in the preparation of budgets and closely monitor expenditure
- Be a well-informed spokesperson on behalf of the agri-business industry and AHI's important role in ensuring animal health

The person

- An outstanding record in senior management, ideally with direct involvement in the agri-business sector or in animal health
- A third level qualification, preferably in an agri-based discipline or veterinary medicine
- Capable of thinking strategically whilst maintaining a pragmatic approach
- Able to recognise farmer and industry needs
- Can lead by example, with experience of promoting and initiating change
- Strong people and team-building skills, capable of motivating at all levels of an organisation
- Influential and persuasive, with outstanding verbal and written communication skills
- Committed to the highest standards of performance, quality and safety

The terms and conditions of employment will fully reflect the seniority and responsibilities of the appointment. Enquiries may be directed, in confidence, to Tom Yeaton at ahi@yeatonassoc.com or by contacting him at +353 86 967 1940.