

Animal Health Ireland welcomes Liam Doyle as new Johne's disease Programme Manager



Animal Health Ireland is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr Liam Doyle as our new Johne's disease Programme Manager. Liam replaces Lawrence Gavey who has recently returned home to Australia. Following graduation from UCD in 1995 with a degree in Veterinary Medicine, Liam worked as a veterinary practitioner in a mixed practice in county Armagh. In 2001 he took up a post at the College of Agriculture and Rural Enterprise (CAFRE) in Enniskillen, teaching both agriculture and equine students at the college. Then for a period from 2006 to 2013 worked with DAERA Veterinary Services focusing on the global emergence of avian influenza (AI) alongside contingency planning for other epizootic diseases such as foot-and-mouth disease and swine fever.

In 2013 Liam moved to the veterinary epidemiology unit (VEU) of DAERA where his main focus was bovine tuberculosis research alongside epizootic disease duties and management of disease-based data sets vital to production of quality assured epidemiological outputs.

Alongside a degree in veterinary medicine from University College Dublin Liam holds a PhD from Utrecht University on the epidemiological investigation of chronic bovine tuberculosis breakdowns in Northern Ireland, an MSc in Veterinary Epidemiology and Public Health from University of London, a BSc (Hons) in Mathematical Science from the Open University, a BA in Computer Science from the Open University, a certificate in communications from Loughry College CAFRE and a certificate in Machine Learning Applications from the London School of Economics.

Dr David Graham, CEO, said 'I am delighted to welcome Liam to Animal Health Ireland. His experience and skill-set will contribute significantly to the role of Programme Manager, enabling him to build on the work of Lawrence Gavey and to further enhance the Irish Johne's Control Programme'.

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