



## ANIMAL HEALTH IRELAND

*To contribute to an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable farming and agri-food sector through improved animal health and welfare*

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### **TB Breakdown Biosecurity Review**

All herds that have been identified as high risk of having a TB outbreak will be given the opportunity to have a farm visit. This visit will be fully funded through the TASA mechanism under the Rural Development Programme and carried out by a specially trained farmer-nominated private veterinary practitioner (PVP). Farmers in these areas will be offered this biosecurity review by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Veterinary Inspector as part of the epidemiology visit, they conduct following a breakdown. The purpose of the biosecurity visit is to encourage greater engagement between the veterinary practitioner and the farmer in reviewing various biosecurity measures on the farm that would help identify likely areas of TB spread and ways to prevent the reintroduction of TB onto the farm.

Veterinary practitioners will be contacted by Animal Health Ireland when they have been nominated by a farmer to conduct a biosecurity review. Following the farm visit the PVP must complete the assessment form giving five practical recommendations in relation to biosecurity on the farm. Reviews must be completed within one month of the date of nomination.