



# National BVD Eradication Programme

# 2024 Business Plan



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

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Animal Health Ireland (AHI) is a private-public partnership established between private agri-sector stakeholders and the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM).

AHI aims to provide the knowledge, education and coordination required to establish effective control programmes for important diseases of livestock that are not subject to international regulation and in so doing to contribute to an economically, socially and environmentally sustainable farming and agrifood sector through improved animal health and welfare.



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## Programme Objective

To achieve conditions for recognition of a Bovine viral diarrhoea (BVD)-free status under the EU Animal Health Law by end of 2024.





### COMMUNICATIONS

		Q1 ▼	Q2 ▼	Q3 ▼	Q4 ▼
01	Develop and implement communication plans in support of the programme.				
02	Maintain and refine helpdesk support facility for farmers and veterinary practitioners.				
03	Present programme outputs at national and international conferences.				

### PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT

01	Develop and implement the necessary database and communication changes to implement the 2024 programme, including the new 'neighbourhood herds' that will identify and notify suspect herds within 400m.				
02	Implement the necessary changes to the programme, including assigning of statuses to non-breeding herds, to maintain the EU programme approval.				
03	Continue programme co-ordination, review and refinement through the BVD Implementation and Technical Working Groups in support of achieving the requirements for recognition of freedom.				
04	To contribute to a report to the Commission for the maintenance of approval of the programme.				
05	To contribute as required by the Competent Authority (DAFM) to a decision on the timing of an application for freedom and support the development of such an application.				
06	Co-ordinate delivery of BVD herd investigations through the Targeted Advisory Service on Animal Health to farmers and monitor findings.				
07	Maintain routine testing of imported animals.				
08	Conduct regular analyses of key programme performance indicators to provide an evidence base for BVD TWG and IG decisions and identify key communications arising from these, including publication as appropriate in peer-reviewed journals.				

## PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT

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<b>09</b>	To pilot and analyse results of post-eradication surveillance strategies including but not limited to bulk tank milk testing and abattoir surveillance, and to develop protocols to follow up positive results, as well as training, awareness and communications and database changes as required.				
<b>10</b>	To assist the development of early warning systems to detect the re-emergence of BVD through involvement in the DETER-BVD project.				
<b>11</b>	Through the Technical Working Group and Implementation Group to agree timelines for introducing these strategies, and their modification over time.				
<b>12</b>	Subject to progressing an application for freedom on 2024, and in conjunction with DAFM and other stakeholders, to make the necessary preparations for transition to the post-eradication phase, including piloting of surveillance strategies, limitations on vaccine usage, revising programme legislation, database modifications and laboratory activities.				
<b>13</b>	Contribute to sectoral sustainability through actions assigned to AHI within AgClimatise Roadmap and iNAP2.	