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Animal Health Ireland announces New Board Appointment

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The Board of Animal Health Ireland (AHI) has announced the appointment of Martin Blake to its Board at its AGM held yesterday, Wednesday, 4th June, in the Killeshin Hotel, Portlaoise.

Welcoming the new appointment, AHI Chair James Lynch said: "I am delighted to welcome Martin to the Board of Animal Health Ireland. Martin's veterinary and management expertise will be a great asset to AHI. I look forward to working with Martin as we continue our work to contribute to the sustainability of the animal health sector."

A graduate of University College Dublin, Martin holds a degree in veterinary medicine and a master's degree in business administration. His career in the Irish agri-food sector spans several decades, including his tenure as Chief Veterinary Officer of Ireland from 2011 to 2024. During this time, he led national policy and operations across animal health, animal welfare, food safety, and veterinary public health.

Martin is currently a member of the Board of the Food Safety Authority of Ireland, an Adjunct Full Professor at the UCD School of Veterinary Medicine, a member of the World Organisation for Animal Health's (WOAH) Governance Review Committee and a member of the EU Advisory Committee on Public Health Emergencies (ACPHE). He has also served on several Boards including the Veterinary Council of Ireland, the Irish Equine Centre, the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH) Platform for Animal Welfare for Europe and the Food and Agriculture Office of the United Nations' (FAO) European Commission for the Control of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (EuFMD), which he chaired from 2019 to 2022.



Martin Blake and James Lynch (Chair)

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