



UPDATED (29.07.20) Guidance for Pig Scheme Members and Veterinary Surgeons on Quarterly Assessments for Red Tractor Assurance during Covid-19 pandemic

In recognition of the fact that many veterinary practices are resuming routine work, guidance for pig scheme members and veterinary surgeons on quarterly vet visits for Red Tractor has been updated.

Quarterly vet visits are an integral feature of the Red Tractor Pigs Scheme and it is crucial that regular veterinary oversight on Red Tractor assured pig farms is maintained.

Therefore, with effect from **1st August**:

- Quarterly vet visits should go ahead **IN PERSON**. Remote quarterly visits may still be carried out, but only where individual circumstances mean that a physical visit is considered high risk.
- Red Tractor will continue to accept [remote Quarterly Veterinary Visit Reports](#) (QVR's) for the remainder of Q3 (August and September) and in Q4 but we apply the caveat that three consecutive remote quarterly visits is not acceptable. If individual circumstances mean that a unit will need a third consecutive remote vet visit, a derogation must first be sought from the Certification Body, with an explanation of why the physical visit is not possible.
- Vets and producers should revert to using the original QVR form for physical visits, only using the remote QVR form for remote visits. This is available [here](#).

If there is no documentary evidence that a quarterly visit (remote or physical) has taken place, a nonconformance will be raised against standard AH.h.

For any queries about the requirements please contact: pigs@redtractor.org.uk

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