



UPDATED (06.01.21) Guidance for Pig Scheme Members and Veterinary Surgeons on Quarterly Assessments for Red Tractor Assurance during Covid-19 pandemic

Many veterinary practices have been undertaking routine work on pig farms in recent months, including quarterly vet visits for Red Tractor Pig Scheme members.

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.

With effect from 6th January, Red Tractor guidance is updated considering new national restrictions:

- Quarterly vet visits can continue to go ahead in person **where possible**. Both parties must agree, and social distancing must be observed.
- Quarterly visits can also still be carried out remotely. Red Tractor will continue to accept [remote Quarterly Veterinary Visit Reports](#) during Q1 (January to March) but we apply the caveat that where this means three consecutive remote quarterly visits will be carried out a derogation must first be sought from the Certification Body. You will need to provide an explanation of why a physical visit has not been possible.
- Vets and producers should continue to use the original QVR form for physical visits, only using the remote QVR form for remote visits. The template QVR forms are available [here](#).

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

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

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