



## UPDATED (31.03.21) Guidance for Pig Scheme Members and Veterinary Surgeons on Quarterly Assessments for Red Tractor Assurance during Covid-19 pandemic

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.

Many veterinary practices continued to undertake physical quarterly visits for Red Tractor Pig Scheme Members throughout the most recent period of social restrictions, and the proportion of visits undertaken remotely has been steadily decreasing.

This updated guidance provides clarity on Red Tractor's expectations as restrictions begin to ease:

- 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 Q2 (April to June) but the existing caveat remains, that where this means a member is to have three or more consecutive remote quarterly "visits" this must be discussed with the farm's Certification Body. In addition, where a unit has gone a full year without a physical quarterly vet visit, every effort must be made to carry out the next visit in person.
- 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](#).
- **From 1<sup>st</sup> July, all quarterly vet visits must take place in person and remote QVR forms will no longer be accepted.**

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.

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