



# Safe Use of Veterinary Medicine

## At a glance...

### Customised Provision

Delivery Method: Classroom

Recognised by: Red tractor

### Introduction

This course is aimed at all those working with livestock to help you improve your knowledge and understanding of the different classes of medicines and how to use them safely and effectively on your farm.

### Overview in brief

By attending this course, you will be able to fulfil your Red Tractor Farm Assurance and supermarket contract requirements. It will help you to understand and recognise the differences between vaccines and treatments, how to use them safely and responsibly in animals under your care.

### The finer details

The aim of this course is to help you to better use the medicines available to you. At the end of the day, anything that helps prevent disease, speed up recovery and use less medication can only save money and time; two of the most precious commodities of any farming business. And it goes without saying, at the heart of your business is the stock that you care for; safeguarding their health and welfare is paramount.

We, as individual producers, can also do our part to help protect the future of our industry. The growing threat of antimicrobial resistance is something that cannot be overlooked; it's no longer a theoretical risk – it is happening now. Knowing how to use medicines safely and effectively on your farm helps both your individual enterprise and the wider industry as well.

### Who should attend?

Anyone wishing to gain the knowledge of how to use veterinary medicines safely and responsibly, and for those who wish to comply with Red Tractor Farm Assurance and supermarket contract requirements.





## What will be covered?

By the end of the course, you'll be able to:

- Know how to store and maintain medicines on farm
- Understand the differences between vaccines and treatments
- Describe the basic differences between antibiotic classes and their appropriate use
- Understand the basics of wormers (anthelmintics)
- Know when and how to use NSAID medicines (e.g., Metacam, Ketofen)
- Understand the responsibility of those administering medicines to farm animals – Welfare / Safety / Public health
- Safely and effectively administer veterinary medicines by different routes – drenching / bolusing / subcutaneous / intramuscular / intravenous injection.
- Understand the importance of an active farm health plan
- Understand how to comply with drug legislation, assurance standards and Record keeping

## Other areas of interest

[Three Day Herdsman Foot Trimming Course](#)

[Professional Cattle Foot Trimming Course](#)

[Cattle Foot Trimming Validation – CPD Check Day](#)

[Do It Yourself \(DIY\) Artificial Insemination Course](#)

[Practical Calf Management](#)

[Mobility Scoring RoMS](#)

[Layscanning](#)

[Sheep Scanning](#)

[Body Condition Scoring](#)

[Advanced Calf Management](#)

