

Funded Investigations for Herds with PI calves born in 2016

Animal Health Ireland is co-ordinating the delivery of BVD herd investigations funded under the Rural Development Plan as part of a Targeted Advisory Service on Animal Health (TASAH). All herds with one or more calves persistently infected (PI) with BVD virus born in 2016 are eligible to have an investigation carried out **free of charge** by a private veterinary practitioner (PVP) who has received training from Animal Health Ireland. Subject to the PVP having received the required training, the investigation will typically be carried out by the farmer's own vet.

Herd owners may request an investigation by calling AHI on 071 967 1928 or by completing the form online **[click here]**. As part of this process, herd owners will have the opportunity to select the trained PVP of their choice to conduct the investigation from a list maintained by AHI.

Funding is available initially for 2,500 investigations, and it is hoped that as many eligible herds as possible will take the opportunity to have an investigation conducted at no cost to themselves.

The three goals of each investigation are to:

1. Identify the source of infection
2. Assist the herd owner in becoming BVD-free as quickly as possible
3. Review herd biosecurity and make recommendations to improve this

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