

## **Privacy notice – Animal Health and Welfare Pathway grants**

Defra is approaching farmers to take part in a survey, to feed into ideas for Animal Health and Welfare Pathway grants. These grants are aimed at improving the health and welfare of farmed animals in England, and we are looking for ideas for equipment and technology that could be funded under this grant scheme.

We are contacting people that we have previously engaged with either the Animal Health and Welfare or the Welfare Labelling Call for Evidence policies, and we are also asking organisations, such as NFU, AHDB and BVA to forward the questionnaire and this privacy notice to any of their members that may be interested in taking part.

### **Who is collecting your personal data?**

The Controller of your personal data is the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra).

Defra is committed to the responsible handling and security of personal data. Your privacy is important to us and protected in law through the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR), the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018), and/or the Law Enforcement Directive.

Details of our Personal Information Charter can be found at:

[www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs/about/personal-information-charter](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs/about/personal-information-charter)

### **What data are we collecting?**

The personal data we collect from you is:

- your email address
- your name
- the name of the farm/business
- your role on the farm

We will also collect further information on the livestock on the farm and your views on equipment and technology that could be funded under the grant scheme.

### **Why do we need your data?**

We collect and use your personal data so that we can enable you to take part in the survey, so that your views can be used to inform policy decisions when considering how the grant scheme will function.

If you are not already on our stakeholders list (i.e., if you received the survey via a separate organisation that you are a member of, such as NFU, AHDB and BVA), then we would also add you to our stakeholder list, so that you can be provided with the opportunity to input into the development of further related policies, and so that we can update you on any changes to the policy that may affect you.

## **What is our legal basis for processing your data?**

If you choose to take part in the survey, then your personal data will be collected on the basis that you consent for Defra to do so by answering the questions. There is no obligation to take part, it is completely voluntary.

Once you have responded to the survey your details will be added to the stakeholders list (if they are not already on the list, in which case they will be kept on the list), and the legal basis used to process your personal data in this case is that the use of your personal data is necessary for the performance of a task carried out in the public interest.

The relevant task in the public interest is that Defra needs to engage with stakeholders on animal health and welfare issues, so that we can develop clear and well thought out policies. It is in the public interest that Defra's work is effective and that the views and experiences of its stakeholders are considered when Defra is developing and implementing its policies.

## **Can you opt out?**

If at any time you do not want to take part in the survey then you are not obliged to do so, and if you have already responded then we delete your personal data from the research (although please note that we may keep your anonymous ideas if they have already formed part of the survey responses or related policy development). Please email Defra's Animal Health and Welfare Grants Team at [FFAHWcodesign@defra.gov.uk](mailto:FFAHWcodesign@defra.gov.uk) to opt out of the survey.

If you also would like to be removed from the stakeholders list, then please email on the same email address above and this will be carried out without delay.

## **What will happen if you opt out?**

There will be no repercussions for you if you choose not to take part in stakeholder engagement. We will delete your contact details from the stakeholders list and you will no longer receive survey requests or updates on animal health and welfare policy.

## **What will we do with your data?**

The survey results will be anonymised as soon as the results have been checked and verified, and so your personal data will not be held in relation to your responses.

We will use your data to keep a stakeholders list to send you survey requests or updates on animal health and welfare policy.

We will not:

- sell or rent your data to third parties

- share your data with third parties for marketing purposes

We will share your data if we are required to do so by law - for example, by court order, or to prevent fraud or other crime. Information may also be subject to release to the public or other parties in accordance with the access to information legislation (these are primarily the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs), the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)).

## How long will we keep your data?

The personal data about you will be kept for as long as we need to contact you about animal health and welfare policy, (or until you request to be removed from the stakeholders list).

## Who can I contact on personal data issues?

You can contact Defra's Data Protection Manager at:

**Address:** Data Protection Manager, Data Protection Team, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Area 1E, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR.

**Email:** [data.protection@defra.gov.uk](mailto:data.protection@defra.gov.uk)

Any questions about how we are using your personal data and your associated rights should be sent to the above contact.

The Data Protection Officer responsible for monitoring that Defra is meeting the requirements of the legislation is available at:

**Address:** Defra Group Data Protection Officer, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, SW Quarter, 2nd floor, Seacole Block, 2 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DF.

**Email:** [DefraGroupDataProtectionOfficer@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:DefraGroupDataProtectionOfficer@defra.gsi.gov.uk)

## What are your rights?

A list of your rights under the General Data Protection Regulation, the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA 2018), is accessible at:

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/individual-rights/>

You also have the right to lodge a complaint with the ICO (supervisory authority) at any time. Should you wish to exercise that right full details are available at: <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr/individual-rights/>