

## “INTRODUCTION TO VETERINARY POLICY MAKING “

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Delivered by UK Government Veterinary Services (GVS)<sup>1</sup>, Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) and Food Standard Agency (FSA)<sup>2</sup> supported by VETFUTURES<sup>3</sup> and (VPHA<sup>4</sup>& AGV<sup>5</sup>)

**ONE WEEK EXTRA MURAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (EPT). Through EVERI<sup>6</sup> ( FVE section) the UK GVS offer two places for students from EVERI/FVE members countries to join a group of approximately 10-15 UK students.**

- It is an office-based experience allowing students to discover how veterinary, scientific, technical and other expertise is used to influence and develop legislation and government policy in Defra, Scottish Government, Welsh Government, Food Standards Agency, Home Office and Veterinary Medicines Directorate as well as learning about opportunities for veterinarians in other Government roles. The training is based in Nobel House, London with visits to other locations in or close to London.
- This course is one of few courses organised per year which are developed to give students a high quality experience including meeting people who undertake a range of government work in our multidisciplinary teams. Specific tasks, cases or events cannot be guaranteed during the placement but overall aim is to provide participants with an interesting and informative experience and the sessions are interactive with the attendees expected to play a full role in the discussions and exercises that take place. *For more specifics see Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs) on the second page and the subjects covered)*

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/civil-service-government-veterinary-services>

<sup>2</sup> <http://apha.defra.gov.uk> and <https://www.food.gov.uk>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.vetfutures.org.uk>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.vpha.co.uk>

<sup>5</sup> <http://www.agv.org.uk>

<sup>6</sup> [http://fve.org/about\\_fve/sections/EVERI.php](http://fve.org/about_fve/sections/EVERI.php)

## WHO IS THIS FOR? CLOSING DATE?

Only suitable for final year (last two years) veterinary students with a good level of English language. No accommodation, transport costs and food is provided for the UK or EU participants. Two candidates from FVE members, however, will be supported by EVERI with up to 800 Euros each on a completion of the final report.

**The closing date is 05 November 2019. Please apply through EVERI**

**[ems.everi@fve.org](mailto:ems.everi@fve.org) with a short statement of up to 300 words – excluding references, on your understanding of “How can veterinarians influence policy making”.** The applicants who secure one week placement with the home Competent Authority in either animal, public health or welfare and within 10 months after this course will have better chances in securing a place. If so please submit the date, name and the contact details of the possible placement.

**INTENDED LEARNING OUTCOMES (ILOs) for this EXTRA MURAL STUDIES (EMS) WEEK.** Please note the *EMS is the UK equivalent term used as EXTRAMURAL PRACTICAL TRAINING (EPT) by FVE/ EVERI*

**Please also note that for some of the ILOs below only after the additional reading/ studying the student will be able to:**

1. **Describe** the roles and responsibilities of the office/ institution and its role within the bigger UK Government ( e.g. which Competent Authority; animal health, public health, food, feed animal welfare, international trade)
2. **Describe** the roles and responsibilities of veterinarians within the office and how they collaborate with other disciplines, Organisations ( both government and non- government) and veterinary practitioners
3. **Describe** and **apply Health & Safety** in this working environment
4. **Describe** the policy (development and review) involving veterinarians on a specific example e.g. animal, public health, welfare, trade etc.
5. **Outline** the main features of impact assessment and **list** questions asked and rationale behind these questions

**Non-comprehensive list of the subjects covered during the week;** *Vets in government ( Different yet similar roles in different departments: communicating, collaborating, cooperating coordinating activities), How science and other type of veterinary advice are provided and how these contribute to policy making, Policy cycle in the UK and also a part of bigger picture ( EU/ world), Legislative framework ( UK, EU, World) Risk Analysis, Epidemiology ( Policy, Field) , Welfare, Reference Labs ( UK, EU, World), Food aspects, Exotic diseases ,Veterinary Public Health, One Health , Surveillance etc. Vets contribution to the wider society, trade and so on..*