CANTER Core Steering Group Meeting

Wednesday 05 June 2024 – 13:00-16:30 – Via Zoom

Minutes

Attendees: Alison Pyatt (Chair), Jodie Perrett (Secretariat), Alison Glennon, Andrew Cairns, Blaise Scott-Morris – part, Bryan Lovegrove, Chris Shaw, Claire Shand, Dave Rendle – part, Diane Gilby, Esther Rawlinson, Gabrielle Madders, Hillary Cowley, Jacqui Matthews, Jane Hodgkinson – part, Jeremy Johnson, Julia Shrubb, Tim Mair, Faye McTigue – part (Guest speaker, Harper Adams University)

Apologies: Martin Nielsen, Rachel Andrews, Victoria Murrell, Claire Williams, Wendy Talbot, Hilary Glasgow, Lara Peachey, Wendy Talbot

1. **Welcome and apologies**

Alison (Pyatt) opened the meeting and noted apologies. It was noted that after this meeting Lucy Coyne and Gemma Stanford will be attending as the NOAH and BHS representatives, respectively, going forwards.

2. **Actions from February 2024 CANTER Core Steering Group meeting**

The CANTER Core Steering Group (the "Group") agreed the minutes from the February 2024 meeting.

3. **Development of the best practice guidelines**

- General update

Alison (Pyatt) presented an overview of the CANTER guidelines to the Group, outlining the scope and structure of the guidelines, in preparation for the final version to be shared with the Group for sign off and hand over to the Communication subgroup.

4. **Report on progress of CANTER subgroup activities**
   a. **Communication subgroup update – Claire Shand**

- General update

The Communication subgroup have not met since the last Core Steering Group meeting – awaiting finalisation of the CANTER guidelines.

There was some discussion around the next steps for the FEC guidance developed by the Diagnostic/monitoring subgroup. It was agreed for the FEC guidance to be published alongside the CANTER guidelines, potentially as an appendix to an existing chapter.

Consideration of a CANTER awareness week is on hold whilst discussions around CANTER governance and funding are ongoing. It was noted as an item to discuss at the next Communication subgroup meeting.

Claire (Shand) asked the Group to suggest subject areas for news stories on the website to generate a list of topics for the website.

b. Research subgroup – Jane Hodgkinson/Laura Peachey

- General update

The Research subgroup have not met since the last Core Steering Group meeting. A summary document detailing research priorities has been drafted.

c. Next steps for Diagnostics/monitoring subgroup

- Review subgroup priority activity and associated output (FEC guidance)

Discussed under agenda item 4a.

- Agree next steps: FEC guidance publication and formally closing the subgroup in the interim period.

Agreed to formally close the Diagnostic/monitoring subgroup as it has completed the priority activity to develop FEC guidance and re-establish the subgroup as necessary.

5. CANTER governance & funding model – Jane Hodgkinson

- Funding model proposal and next steps

Jane, Jodie, Alison (Pyatt) and Tim have met several times since the last Core Steering Group meeting and generated a summary of current expenditure and projected costs for CANTER.

Jane provided an overview of her discussions with Joanne Briggs (NSA), the secretariat for SCOPS, regarding the wider context of the SCOPS governance and funding framework.

The Group discussed the SCOPS model and members that are also on the COWS Steering Group provided insight into the COWS framework.

It was acknowledged that the SCOPS/COWS model works well; therefore this model should also work well for CANTER.

It was agreed to approach potential organisations for expressions of interest in supporting CANTER – the treasury and secretariat functions could be a shared responsibility between organisations.

Tea/coffee break

- Secretariat role

There was discussion around potential organisations to approach for expressions of interest to support the secretariat (and/or treasury) role. It was noted that potential organisations would need to be sufficiently interested and engaged in promoting anthelmintic stewardship and working with CANTER. It was acknowledged that there is a benefit to approaching umbrella organisations as this could allow the responsibility to be shared across member bodies and/or committees.

It was agreed to approach the organisations suggested by the Group to better understand their capability to provide support for CANTER.

6. Horizon scanning

- New Veterinary Medicines Regulations now in force – see VMD Information Hub for further details.

- Bluetongue

7. **VMD-funded research project updates**

- Ascarid research project – Jodie Perrett

Jodie highlighted the VMD-funded equine anthelmintic resistance research project is open for proposals (deadline: 10 June 2024) – Equine anthelmintic resistance: Anthelmintic efficacy in ascarids (Parascaris spp.) populations in foals and youngstock and existing management strategies on UK stud farms. - Contracts Finder

- Equine anthelmintic resistance qualitative investigation – Faye McTigue (PhD student, Harper Adams University)

Faye McTigue (Harper Adams University) joined the meeting and provided an overview of the VMD-funded PhD project to investigate attitudes, beliefs and practices around equine anthelmintic use behaviours. The presentation was well-received by all.

The overarching aims of the project are to provide insight into the behavioural themes and drivers around anthelmintic use/prescribing, identify behavioural change strategies and inform associated messaging to encourage uptake of sustainable parasite control practices.

The Group welcomed a future update from Faye to present the preliminary findings of the first study.

8. **Other planned activities/meetings**

- IEIDC 2024
- 826 Equine Studbooks Association Zoom AGM 2024 – Julia Shrubb
- RUMA CA&E – Alison Pyatt
- Project WORMS – Julia Shrubb/Tim Mair
- BEVA Working Group – Julia Shrubb
- International AR engagement – Jodie/Alison

9. **AOB**

TBA Educational Event TBA

The Dung Beetle Conference 2024

10. **Next meeting: circa September/October 2024 – 13:00-16:30 – via Zoom**