

## **News about the reorganisation of our Inspection related staff and the renaming of the Animal Medicines Inspectorate (AMI)**

### Staff reorganised

The VMD has reorganised staff responsible for the inspection and investigation of:

- Veterinary Practice Premises (VPPs)
- Suitably Qualified Person (SQP) Retailer premises
- premises on which animal feedingstuffs containing veterinary medicinal products (VMPs) and/or specified feed additives (SFAs) are manufactured and/or distributed
- GMP sites manufacturing VMPs for the UK market and
- veterinary only wholesale dealer sites against Good Distribution Practice (GDP) requirements.

### The reorganisation

We have made these organisational changes by combining the AMI inspectors and administrative support staff (Clare Crowley & Marion Yapp) with the VMD's Licensing Services GMP/GDP Administration Team (Anna Burrows and Catriona Wilkinson).

Together they form the Inspections & Investigations Team (IIT), headed by John Millward (previously head of the AMI).

Within the IIT we have created a new dedicated Inspections Administration Team (IAT) headed by David Webb.

### Reasons for reorganising

The closure of the AMI's Stoneleigh Office in December 2010 and the transfer of the team to the VMD's offices in Surrey prompted a review of the VMD's inspection and administration arrangements. That review concluded that we could deliver inspections and investigations more efficiently and effectively by making these organisational changes.

We also recognised that since it transferred into the VMD from the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain in January 2006 the AMI was often perceived as separate from the VMD, rather than as a team within it. We expect this reorganisation to help change that perception.

### Changing the AMI name

We have changed the "Animal Medicines Inspectorate" name but the AMI's work continues, carried out by the new Inspections and Investigations Team.

### The IIT's role

IIT inspectors will continue to inspect VPPs, SQP Retailer premises and premises on which animal feedingstuffs containing VMPs and/or SFAs are manufactured and/or distributed, in the same way they did when in the AMI.

## The IAT's role

The IAT will be your first point of contact for queries relating to new applications for approval/authorisation of premises/sites, variations, and technical inspection queries. It will also provide full administrative support to the IIT and the VMD's Good Manufacturing Practice Inspection Team (GMP IT). The IAT's contact details are:

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## The GMP IT's role

The GMP IT is unchanged. It will continue to inspect facilities manufacturing VMPs for the UK market (including non food animal blood banks, autogenous vaccine manufacturers, small animal exemption products manufacturers, equine stem cell centres, manufacturers of products for administration under the cascade and contract test facilities), and veterinary only wholesale dealer sites for compliance with Good Distribution Practice (GDP).

The GMP IT stands apart from the IIT, though both teams are part of the Inspections Branch which comes under the management of Lesley Johnson, our head of the Post Authorisation Surveillance Unit, to ensure inspections are coordinated where appropriate..

The GMP IT will also have administrative support from the IAT.

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