

Did you know the government tests over 35,000 samples annually to check that veterinary medicines used in farm animals and bees are being used correctly?

Are you interested in the independent oversight of this process?

Then come to the **Open Meeting** of the **Veterinary Residues Committee**.

This is being held at 10.30 am on **Wednesday 13 October** at the National Railway Museum in York.

The Committee advises the Veterinary Medicines Directorate and Food Standards Agency on testing for residues of veterinary medicines and on the significance of the results for consumer health. The Committee also has a role in communicating its findings and recommendations to Government and stakeholders in a comprehensive, understandable and timely way.

At the meeting, you will hear speakers from the committee and industry explain:

- the need for veterinary medicines
- the system of surveillance for residues in foods
- what happens when a residue is found
- how a working vet uses veterinary medicines on pig farms

You will also have a chance to ask questions of the Committee and give your own views. The VRC decided in 2007 that it should hold its open meetings round the UK and this is its opportunity to hear particularly the views of consumers and interested groups from Yorkshire and surrounding counties.

How do I apply for tickets? please click on this [link](#). Please state whether you want a ticket for morning or afternoon or both sessions. Lunch will be provided for those attending, so please let us know of any special dietary requirements. The closing date to apply for tickets is 1 October 2010.

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Further information

To read the written note of the 2009 Open Meeting, please click here:

<http://www.vmd.gov.uk/vrc/Minutes/Minutes09/141009.pdf>