

# Animal Health News

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## Business Continuity Planning for Agricultural Businesses Great Yorkshire Show 8<sup>th</sup> July – 10<sup>th</sup> July 2008

Business Continuity Planning relates to the management of risks to ensure minimum disruption to any business in the event of a major incident. The North Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum (NYLRF) has a role to assist North Yorkshire businesses with business continuity planning.

There will be representatives from various NYLRF partners available on all three days at this year's show to speak to you about Business Continuity. The stand has expanded since last year and more organisations are participating.

Please feel free to visit the NYLRF stand (No: 482) at the Great Yorkshire Showground, Harrogate, North Yorkshire, HG2 8PW and find out more

about Business Continuity. The representatives will be able to provide advice and assistance on Business Continuity issues for the agricultural sector.

Some of the issues that you may want to consider are:

- How long could you cope with limited access to your farm or premises?
- How reliant are you on power, phone line, computers or mains water?
- Have you considered the effect of the loss of a major contractor or supplier?
- Could you cope with a reduced workforce?

We look forward to seeing you there!

## Isolation Premises

Once again the agricultural show season is upon us. We would like to remind anyone showing livestock that the 6-day standstill rules still apply. You may wish to apply for an Isolation Premises Approval for your show animals, in order to avoid triggering a 6-day standstill when you return your animals from a show to your premises. An Isolation Premises Approval requires you to place the show animals into isolation 6 days before the first

show and 6 days after the last show. Please note, the isolation unit once approved can be used for show or breeding isolation, but only for one of the purposes at any one time.

Approval can be obtained from your local Defra Animal Health office. For North Yorkshire, the local Defra Animal Health Office is Leeds. The contact number for this office is 0113 2300100.

## Farm Crisis Network

Farm Crisis Network provides support to farming people during periods of anxiety, stress and problems. Farm Crisis Network may be contacted on 0845 3879990, available from 7.00am to 11.00pm.

## Transport of Livestock: Driver Competency Certificates

Those handling and transporting cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, equines and poultry by road on journeys over 65km have been required to hold a Certificate of Competence since January 2008. This period was extended until the end of April 2008.

As of 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008, anyone transporting cattle, sheep, pigs, goats, equines and poultry by road on journeys over 65km without a Certificate of Competence could be subject to enforcement action.

If you think you require a Certificate of Competence, further information and application forms are available at [www.defra.gov.uk/animal/welfare](http://www.defra.gov.uk/animal/welfare) or by calling 0845 6038395.

## Metal Thefts

North Yorkshire Police are reporting an increase in incidence of thefts of metal. The current high value of copper, stainless steel, lead and aluminium means that metal agricultural equipment visible to the public is very enticing to thieves. The farming community should remain vigilant against such thefts and particularly be aware of unsolicited visits by strangers to the farm. The unsolicited visit may come under the guise of someone offering to sell you goods or services. As ever Trading Standards and Regulatory Services recommend that you don't buy from doorstep sellers. Should you need to report such thefts, or any suspicious activity, you should contact North Yorkshire Police on 0845 6060247.

## Disease updates via email, County Council Website or our Animal Health & Welfare Helpline

Due to the fact that the restrictions applicable to diseases like Bluetongue and Avian Influenza can change on a daily basis, it is not possible to keep farmers up to date by means of this newsletter, as it is probable by the time the newsletter is read the situation will have changed. However, more timely disease updates are available from North Yorkshire County Council via the following sources:

Email subscribers to the newsletter are sent email updates during disease outbreaks as further information becomes available. Postal subscribers can choose to receive the newsletter via email and you will then receive disease updates as they

become available. To arrange this, please contact the service at [tsanimal.health@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:tsanimal.health@northyorks.gov.uk)

In addition, during outbreaks, messages on the current disease situation, which can change daily are carried on our website:

[www.northyorks.gov.uk/animalhealth](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/animalhealth).

Finally, the Animal Health and Welfare telephone helpline is available to offer updates on movement restrictions put in place following disease outbreaks. Advisors are available on 0845 330 1221, Monday to Thursday 8.30am to 5pm, Friday 8.30am to 4.30pm.

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### Contact us in the following ways...

**By telephone:** Please note the telephone number for Local Authority Animal Health and Welfare Services in North Yorkshire is: **0845 330 1221**

**By email:** [tsanimal.health@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:tsanimal.health@northyorks.gov.uk)

or you can access all North Yorkshire County Council information online at: [www.northyorks.gov.uk](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk)

If you would like this information in another language or format such as Braille, large print or audio, please ask us.

