



### **FARMER GUIDANCE ON VETERINARY DECLARATION AVAILABLE FROM ACTION JOHNE'S**

A guidance document on how farmers should go about obtaining the signed veterinary declaration from BCVA trained vets is now available from the Action Johnes's website.

Speaking about the launch of the document, Chair of the Action Johnes's Group, Lyndon Edwards said:

'The document sets out the steps farmers and vets need to take to secure the signed declaration required by phase II of the scheme. The process is not difficult; it draws on established veterinary practices and test procedures. It just takes the necessary investment in time by both the farmer and vet'.

'The 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 deadline for securing the declaration is fast approaching. We recommend farmers initiate action before turnout when they have more time. As the countdown clock on the Action Johnes's website clearly indicates the industry has just over seven months to deliver on the commitments it entered into when it embarked on the National Johnes's Management Plan'.

'Success in tackling Johnes's requires perseverance and by both farmers and vets. But the prize is still very much worth it. I urge farmers to move action on Johnes's up their priority list if they haven't done so already'.

#### **Action Group on Johnes's**

The Action Johnes's Initiative has been developed by the Action Group on Johnes's, which is an open forum for industry stakeholders interested in tackling Johnes's. The Action Group on Johnes's is chaired by Lyndon Edwards, a dairy farmer from Gloucester, who is also a Director of OMSCo and Chairman of Dairy UK's Farmers' Forum. The secretariat support to the Action Group on Johnes's is provided by Dairy UK. More information at [www.actionjohnesuk.org](http://www.actionjohnesuk.org).

For a copy of the declaration go to <http://www.actionjohnesuk.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Action-Johnes-Declaration.pdf>

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