



**Canolfan
Milfeddygaeth Cymru
Wales Veterinary
Science Centre**

VETERINARY SURGEON MRCVS VETERINARY DISEASE INVESTIGATOR VET PATHOLOGY & LAB DIAGNOSTICS

Are you a veterinary surgeon looking for a new challenge or with an interest in pathology? Do you fancy a job with the scope to develop areas of interest in disease diagnosis and/or surveillance?

We are looking to add at least one new Vet to our team of Veterinary Disease Investigators at the Wales Veterinary Science Centre in Aberystwyth. This role is varied to support the variety of work now being undertaken at WVSC. It will include livestock and wildlife PMEs, liaison with APHA/Welsh Government and vet practices, diagnostic laboratory test expansion, quality system maintenance and continuous improvement, and CPD courses/conferences. Furthermore, there will be opportunities to develop our new areas of work in syndromic surveillance and the Aber Cattle Health Scheme (CHeCS approved). There is also plenty of scope to develop new areas of interest which are relevant to vets and farmers in Wales. Similarly, there may be opportunities to work with Aberystwyth University both at undergraduate and postgraduate level, teaching and research. We are a close-knit team here at WVSC and projects are shared out between vets according to personal interest and experience.

There is flexibility in the post with part-time, flexitime and seasonal working all possible scenarios for the right candidate. If you are interested, then please email wvsc.vet@wvsc.wales with "Vet Post" in the subject line to apply. If you would prefer to chat further, then please get in touch with Jon or Bev to discuss the possibilities on (01970) 612374. All working patterns and levels of experience considered.



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WALES VETERINARY SCIENCE CENTRE DETAILED JOB DESCRIPTION VETERINARY DISEASE INVESTIGATOR

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Wales Veterinary Science Centre (WVSC) is an established APHA Partner Provider of expert postmortem examinations (PMEs) of farm livestock for disease surveillance. It is owned by Iechyd Da, a veterinary delivery partner (VDP) established by a group of vet practices to promote and deliver veterinary related services to government in Wales.

In addition to livestock PMEs, WVSC is also contracted by Welsh Government to perform PMEs for the All-Wales Badger Found Dead Survey. It is the lab of choice for many vets in Wales for BVD and Sheep Scab ELISAs, and is looking to expand the portfolio of tests to become a complete independent veterinary diagnostic laboratory in Wales. WVSC also provides CPD courses for vets and farmers. Recent developments have resulted in the launch of Aber Cattle Health Scheme (a CheCS approved health scheme) and veterinary practice syndromic surveillance as part of Arwain DGC.

Currently, the team comprises two vets (1.6 FTE), a laboratory manager with a small team of lab technicians, a postmortem attendant, and a small office team. Historically we have relied on additional part-time Veterinary support from retired ex-APHA VIOs but we are now seeking to appoint at least one additional veterinary surgeon as a permanent member of the team. With such a small workforce, a harmonious inter-personal working environment is essential and, while individuals may have a defined main role, team working and supporting all areas of activity are essential from time to time.

THE PRIMARY ROLE OF THE VETERINARY DISEASE INVESTIGATOR

- Liaise with vets in private practice to triage potential cases for PME.
- Undertake livestock PMEs, collect and submit samples for appropriate further testing to investigate possible differentials and provide clear and concise reports arising from the PMEs detailing diagnoses and advice (all within the constraints of a limited budget).
- Advise vets and farmers on specific cases and general disease control
- Ensure accurate reporting of the outcome of PMEs to APHA
- Contribute to the the regular WVSC Newsletters with interesting cases and other articles
- Undertake PMEs of badgers and submit appropriate samples for laboratory testing
- Provide appropriate training to other members of the WVSC team
- Work closely with the lab manager to help establish new tests to expand the WVSC portfolio to support vets and farmers in Wales, and also to maintain the robust quality system.
- Support lab technicians with disease specific advice related to the suite of testing
- Assist the administration team with arranging and delivering vet/farmer CPD events
- Attend and contribute to meetings with existing and potential customers.
- Help prepare tenders for project work.
- Bespoke project work relevant to veterinary and farming in Wales
- Assist other members of the WVSC in additional areas of activity as the demand arises

ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Degree in veterinary science and medicine
- Member of Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (MRCVS)
- Excellent interpersonal and team working skills

- Excellent communication & IT skills

DESIRABLE BUT NOT ESSENTIAL FOR THE RIGHT CANDIDATE:

- Experience of performing farm animal PME's
- Experience of disease diagnosis in farm animals
- Welsh language (spoken and written)
- A new graduate would be considered

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- Full time or part time, all possibilities considered.
- Pro-rata holiday allowance is 25 days plus bank holidays (plus 1 additional day for every full year worked up to a maximum of 5 additional days)
- CPD by a range of media is encouraged and sufficient to fulfil RCVS requirements must be undertaken. This includes working up new projects.
- 7.5 hour working day (37.5 hrs/week) but flexibility expected due to seasonality of work.
- Salary according to experience £38,205.00-£44,263.00 or £45,585.00-£54,395.00 pro-rata.

Deadline for applications: 08/09/23