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Publication of the Bovine TB Strategy Refresh

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Purpose

1. To inform Official Veterinarians (OVs) and Approved Tuberculin Testers (ATTs) that the Bovine TB Strategy Refresh for England has been published on TB Hub on 10 June 2026.

Background

1. In 2024, the then Minister for Food, Farming and Fisheries Daniel Zeichner requested that the Bovine TB Partnership for England develop a refreshed bovine TB control strategy. A Steering Group of the Bovine TB Partnership for England was formed to take this forward. The Steering Group brought together people with direct experience of bovine TB: farmers, vets, industry bodies, academics and government.
2. Six working groups, involving around 100 experts and stakeholders, considered current challenges and proposed solutions to these. Social research workshops also brought together industry, wildlife organisations and the wider public to identify what is important to external stakeholders. With this information, the Steering Group developed the strategy and its recommendations.

Action & Further information

1. No action is required but OVs are recommended to read the Strategy Refresh document on TB Hub, found [here](#).

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