

Regulatory reform – Standard of proof and fitness to practise meeting

Thursday 3 December 2020, 10am
Zoom meeting

Attendees

Julian Wells . Chair

David Catlow . BVA member

Ryan Davis . Society of Practising Veterinary Surgeons

Daniella Dos Santos (part) . BVA Senior Vice President

Amelia Findon . BVA Head of Policy & Governance

Julie Gibson . PhD student

Dr Judith Hulf . non-vet

Malcolm Morley . Policy Committee

Catherine Oxtoby . BVA member

Gudrun Ravetz - BVA representative on R3 Tm 0 0 1 1M1i03PJEs74(hD)6()1.04 TfW*nBT/F2 11.04 Tf77 Tm0 cn

Currently the protocols were not working as well as had been hoped, however, it was recognised that the nature of the issues being addressed under the protocols was likely a limiting factor.

Cost was currently a factor and would continue to be, although the College did not seem to recognise this.

The priority should be good regulation and potential cost impacts on individuals should not water down the aspiration. However, steps to make good regulation as cost-effective as possible should be factored in.

Recommendation 4.10: Reduce the DC Quorum to three Reduce the quorum in line with other regulators.

The proposal should be supported as a pragmatic measure for streamlining the disciplinary process.

The aim of DC sitting with five, but a quorum of three was appropriate.

Recommendation 4.11: Reformed restoration periods Extend range of options for minimum

Share the advice to date with Policy Committee and Ethics and Welfare Advisory Panel for input

Find a date for a third meeting of the working group in early January.

Develop an emerging themes document summarising the advice to date from the working group, including any areas of difficulty for further consideration.

22. It was noted that BVA Council would be invited to review the activity of all five working groups at the meeting on 9 December. This represented the primary opportunity for BVA Council to discuss the issues, although they would be encouraged to engage further via Glasscubes, particularly in early January when the emerging themes documents from all five working groups became available and the draft BVA position had been formulated. It was noted that the ideal would be a consensus response from BVA on behalf of the veterinary profession, although it was recognised that some individuals and groups would also likely make their own submissions.
23. Working group members were thanked for their participation and considered input.

Date of the next meeting

24. A date would be confirmed for early January shortly (NOTE: subsequently confirmed for 7 January 2021 at 10am)