



Ein cyf/Our ref: WQ96658

09 July 2025

Dear Janet,

I am writing in response to your written question WQ96658 - What consideration has the Welsh Government given to ensuring that there is a BVSc Veterinary Science degree course that can be studied entirely in Wales? This has been transferred to me for a response as it sits within my portfolio.

The Welsh Government recognises Aberystwyth University's commitment to supporting the veterinary profession, Welsh agriculture and the rural economy, and the key role that Aberystwyth School of Veterinary Science plays in achieving these objectives.

The current Bachelor of Veterinary Science course at Aberystwyth University was launched in September 2021 and runs in conjunction with the Royal Veterinary College. Veterinary students spend their first two years studying full-time in Aberystwyth, before moving to the RVC for years three to five, during which they have opportunities to return to Wales for further clinical teaching.

We are in regular contact with Aberystwyth University and understand that the University is currently exploring the feasibility of delivering a veterinary course based entirely in Wales, with the option of training through the medium of Welsh.

As autonomous organisations, universities are responsible for decisions about the provision they offer. However, I have asked Medr, the Commission for Tertiary Education and Research in Wales, to undertake a review of higher education demand, provision, and subject distribution in Wales, including veterinary science. The final Higher Education Subject Mapping Report, expected from Medr in Autumn 2025, will provide the Welsh Government with a robust data foundation and enhanced insight into the Higher Education landscape.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I hope this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, reading 'V. Howells', with a long, sweeping underline.

Vikki Howells AS/MS

Y Gweinidog Addysg Bellach ac Uwch
Minister for Further and Higher Education