

July 2025

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GVG Pig Fair will be held on 5th November 2025 at Taunton Rugby Club.

Pig team messaging service:



We are moving with the times and will shortly be switching to WhatsApp to send out messages regarding reminders for drug orders and driver delivery times.

So, if you receive a message from us via WhatsApp it is genuine!

Animal Health & Welfare Pathway updates:

As of the 26th June 2025, the Animal Health and Welfare Pathway has been opened up to provide **funding for multi-site enterprises** across England. For example, if you have 3 finishing sites you can now apply for funding for all 3. This is in addition to the update in February where the pathway was opened up to multiple species on one site.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/farmers-how-to-apply-for-funding-to-improve-animal-health-and-welfare>

As mentioned previously, the pathway provides the opportunity to get funded vet visits covering:

- Testing for endemic disease (PRRS in pigs)
- Tailored health and welfare discussion with your vet
 - o Biosecurity assessment – we use dedicated software (UGhent Biocheck) which looks at a wide range of factors affecting biosecurity on your farm and will provide a score out of 100 . From this we can then make recommendations about protecting and future-proofing your farm.
 - o We can discuss medicine usage and antibiotic stewardship

Funding is £557 for each eligible pig herd with an additional £923 towards the optional follow-up visit.

In addition, £150 million of funding for practical environmental improvements via the Capital Grants offer is now open to farmers, land managers and rural businesses across England. Further equipment and technology grants are also available.

Product changes:

The new products contain the same drug but are branded under another name.

Selectan will be replaced with **Florkem**



Oxytocin will be replaced with **Oxytobel**



Stresnil will be replaced with **Sedanol**



PHS upcoming dates:

A quick reminder to all GVG Pig Health Scheme members if you would like your pigs assessed these are our next dates at Westerleigh:

- 21st July
- 5th, 14th and 20th August
- 1st, 16th and 26th September

If you have not yet joined the scheme and would like to, and market your pigs to Westerleigh please email PHS@georgevetgroup.co.uk or call the office on 01666823355.

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