

To: Lead Feed Officers  
cc: SFELC, SCOTSS

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Dear Colleague

### **Feed Delivery Model – Update 23 May 2019**

I am writing to provide you with an update to the feed project.

Firstly, we have appointed John Scott who is qualified Trading Standards Officer to the feed team within Food Standards Scotland. John has worked with a number of local authorities and will be able to assist you with feed related enquiries and support. I am sure you will make him welcome and we are delighted to bring John's considerable experience to the team.

Following the recent procurement exercise, we have been in further discussion with the Scottish Government Legal Directorate and continue to evaluate a number of options to develop a centralised model. Unfortunately, this process is taking a little longer than we had anticipated and at the current time, it is not possible to provide a date for implementation of the new delivery model. Please bear with us as our intention is to ensure the best model for feed delivery for Scotland. I can assure you that in the meantime, we will continue to transfer 25% of the feed funding at the start of each Quarter.

In the short term, we intend to offer the following initiatives which are being developed for a centralised delivery model. We think there are benefits to offering this to local authorities as soon as they are ready, regardless of their intention, or otherwise, to work with FSS under a centralised model.

- Training of local authority officers (three online training courses and two classroom training courses). We are hopeful that the courses will be available from August/September. This is an opportunity to enhance competency and skills for experienced officers and provide training for local authority staff who are new to feeding stuffs.
- Tablets on which to record inspections. The IT system currently in development using i-Pads should be ready by August and will contain predefined inspection forms and reporting options that can be used to significantly reduce the post-inspection administrative burden. This should improve consistency and assist Local Authority Feed Officers in their duties.
- Sampling grants to enable local authority sampling and analysis to take place.

Further information on these matters will follow in due course.

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Yours sincerely



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