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### ➤ Posting of samples

Due to the thickness of envelopes containing tissue tags, Royal Mail considers them to be “large letters”. Please ensure that correct postage is paid to avoid delay or return of samples. The **current minimum cost for postage of a large letter to a UK laboratory is 98p**, which should be enough for up to 10 tags. If in doubt take envelopes to the Post Office to confirm the correct postage as “large letters”. Please include your herd number/return address on the envelope.

### ➤ Turnaround of Results

Please note that while the designated laboratories endeavour to test the samples as quickly as possible, they do have a 7-10 working day turnaround to adhere to. If after this timeframe, you still have not received results, please contact AHWNI on 028 79639333.

### ➤ Registration of calves

Calves must be **registered on APHIS** before results can be reported, so ensure registrations, including aborted, stillborn or dead calves, are done promptly (preferably using APHIS on-line).

### ➤ Negative BVD letters ceasing

As of 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2017, negative declaration letters following BVD testing are **not** being sent out to herd owners. If you are not receiving results, please nominate a mobile number. If you are unable to provide a mobile number, please nominate your PVP so that they have access to your results.

### ➤ Receiving results to mobile phones

If you wish to nominate or update a mobile number, please **text your Herd Number to 07340 023814**. (This is a text only number).



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## ➤ Sharing results with your private veterinary practitioner (PVP)

It is recommended that all herd owners grant their PVP access to their test results on the AHWNI database. This allows positive results to be followed up and appropriate advice to be given. If you have not yet granted access for your PVP, please text your Herd Number and name of your veterinary practice to 07340 023814. (This is a text only number).

## ➤ Accessing your results

Herd owners can log into the AHWNI database at <http://www.animalhealthni.com/> using their government gateway username and password to access their results. This also gives access to all letters and reports issued to the herd and allows declarations of negative results to be generated.

## ➤ Business Id Number

If your business ID has recently changed, please notify AHWNI as soon as possible. You will be unable to receive your results until your business ID has been updated with AHWNI. Please contact 028 79639333 or email [info@animalhealthni.com](mailto:info@animalhealthni.com).

## ➤ Confirmatory and dam testing by blood sample only

The mothers of positive or inconclusive calves are also under suspicion of being Persistently Infected with the BVD virus and should be tested using a blood sample collected by your vet. If confirmatory testing of the calf is being undertaken, it also must be done by means of a **blood sample only**



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