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An opportunity to share your opinion on best practice for the control of disease in your sheep flock

Funded by the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, a ground-breaking project commenced in September 2022 to address Sheep Scab and provide important information as the industry develops future strategies to control this disease.

As part of the information-gathering project we are investigating sheep farmers' perspectives and views on the provision of best practice advice for the control of disease in Northern Ireland; the questionnaire will mainly focus on Sheep Scab, however, we still need your input even if you have never had an outbreak in your flock. Your views will help the SOS Sheep Scab group identify how policies relating to this issue can be developed and implemented across Northern Ireland.

The questionnaire should take no longer than 20 minutes to complete and by completing and returning the questionnaire you have the opportunity of entering a prize draw for one of five £100 e-vouchers as a thank-you for your participation.

The questionnaire can be completed online on the following link <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/interview/8578af9f-835f-4b63-bc3c-1fdc495639dd> or by **scanning the QR code** on the picture below using your phone camera when the phone is connected to the internet. **Alternatively, you can complete the paper version of the questionnaire** and return it in the pre-paid envelope provided by contacting sheepscabni@afbini.gov.uk

The Sheep Scab control project is open to 100 flocks across Northern Ireland on a first-come first-served basis. To date, sixty farmers across the province have already benefitted from the project and treatment is underway or has been completed in those flocks where Scab has been confirmed.

Participants nominate their vet who will be funded to undertake a farm visit, provide veterinary advice, take samples and investigate if Sheep Scab is likely to be present in the flock. If treatment is required, the project will fund the supply of prescribed medicines up to a reasonable limit. (The costs of application of dip or treatment with injectables will be borne by the flock owner).

If your flock has been experiencing any clinical signs of Sheep Scab or you have concerns, you are likely to be eligible to participate in the scheme. To find out more information regarding the scheme, please phone AHWNI on 07517599497/ 0287963933 or email jenny.martin@animalhealthni.com or info@animalhealthni.com.



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