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ROYAL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS

REGISTERED VETERINARY NURSES PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT TO (VN) COUNCIL 8 October 2015

Introduction:

Since the last Report to VN Council there have been two meetings of the RVN Preliminary Investigation Committee (9 June and 8 September 2015). The next RVN PIC meeting is on Tuesday 27 October 2015 and shall be included in the next Report to VN Council.

RVN Concerns received:

Between 1 May 2015 and 21 September 2015 there were fourteen new Concerns received against RVNs. Nine cases are under investigation by the Case Examiners Group (a veterinary and lay member on RVN PIC and a Case Manager); three cases have been closed because there was no arguable case and two cases are currently being assessed by the Case Managers.

RVN Preliminary Investigation Committee:

The total number of new cases considered by the Committee between May 2015 and September 2015 was six. The Committee closed four cases (two cases were with advice to the Registered Veterinary Nurse) and two cases have been adjourned pending further investigations.

One case which had previously been referred to external solicitors for formal statements was considered by the Committee at its meeting on 8 September 2015 and was closed with advice to the RVN.

Ongoing Investigations:

The RVN PI Committee has three ongoing cases. One case is adjourned pending the outcome of a criminal court trial against the respective RVN. The trial date is scheduled for 21 October 2015 and will be included in a future Report to VN Council. Two cases are adjourned pending further information being obtained.

Health Concerns:

There is currently one RVN on the RCVS Health Protocol and one RVN is being considered for the Health Protocol.

Referral to Disciplinary Committee:

Since the last report the RVN PI Committee has referred one case to the RVN Disciplinary Committee.

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