

RCVS FACTS

FACTS AND FIGURES FROM THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF VETERINARY SURGEONS

2015



Welcome to *RCVS Facts* 2015.

Here you will find everything from the number of UK veterinary students, through the distribution of veterinary surgeons and veterinary nurses across the UK, to a summary of the number of concerns and disciplinary hearings we have dealt with.

For a review of our financial activities, you can download our Annual Report 2014 from www.rcvs.org.uk/publications.

Year in review is: 1 April 2014 to 31 March 2015, unless otherwise stated.



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Table 1. Numbers and distribution of RCVS members

Names entered on	31/3/14	Totals	31/3/15	Totals
General List I	19,445		19,973	
General List II	4,903		5,447	
Commonwealth List	1,950		1,950	
Foreign List	538		535	
Temporary List	24		22	
Supplementary Veterinary Register	7		7	
Total number of members		26,867		27,934
UK-practising		19,682		20,571
Practising outside the UK		2,741		2,821
Non-practising				
United Kingdom	2,798		2,875	
Overseas	601		624	
		3,399		3,499
Republic of Ireland¹		1,014		1,014
Other				
Temporary List	24		22	
Supplementary Veterinary Register	7		7	
		31		29
Total number of members		26,867		27,934

Notes

General List I – members who have a recognised UK qualification.

General List II – members who have a scheduled EU qualification.

Commonwealth List – members who have an accepted Commonwealth qualification, or who have a Commonwealth qualification and have passed the RCVS Statutory Examination for Membership.

Foreign List – members who have an accepted overseas qualification, or who have an overseas qualification and have passed the RCVS Statutory Examination for Membership.

Temporary List – temporary members or visiting European veterinary surgeons.

Supplementary Veterinary Register – members who were, or were entitled to be, Registered Veterinary Practitioners prior to the introduction of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966.

¹ Veterinary surgeons resident in the Republic of Ireland who qualified before 1 June 1988 and remain RCVS members (and who must also register with the Veterinary Council of Ireland).

Figure 1. Breakdown of members by category of registerable qualification

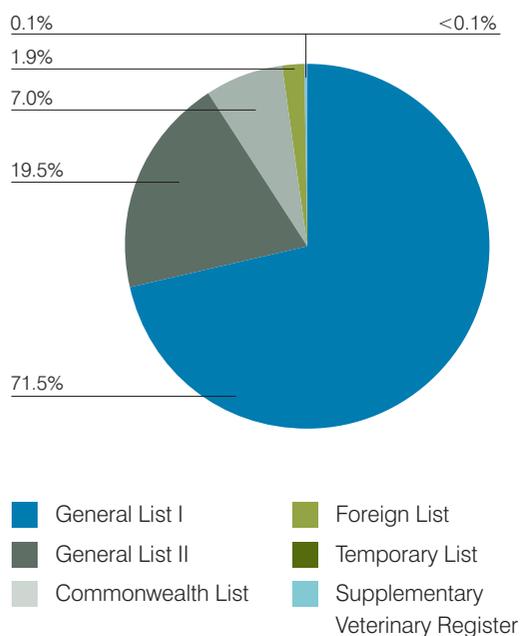
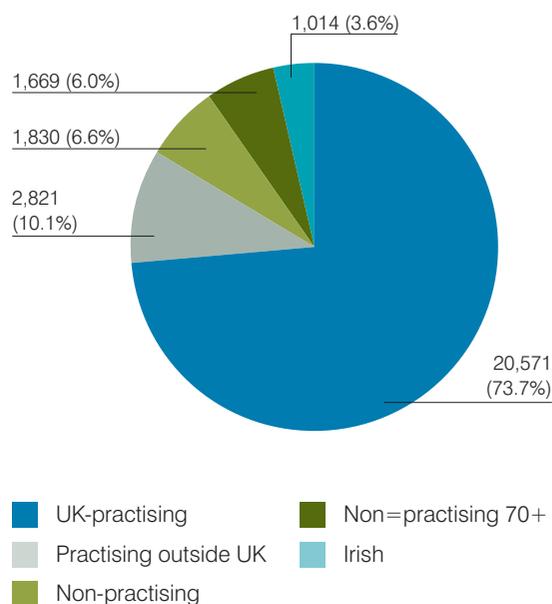


Figure 2. Breakdown of principal RCVS membership categories



NB Does not include members on Temporary List (22) or Supplementary Veterinary Register (7) – see above.

Figure 3. UK-practising veterinary surgeons by age and gender

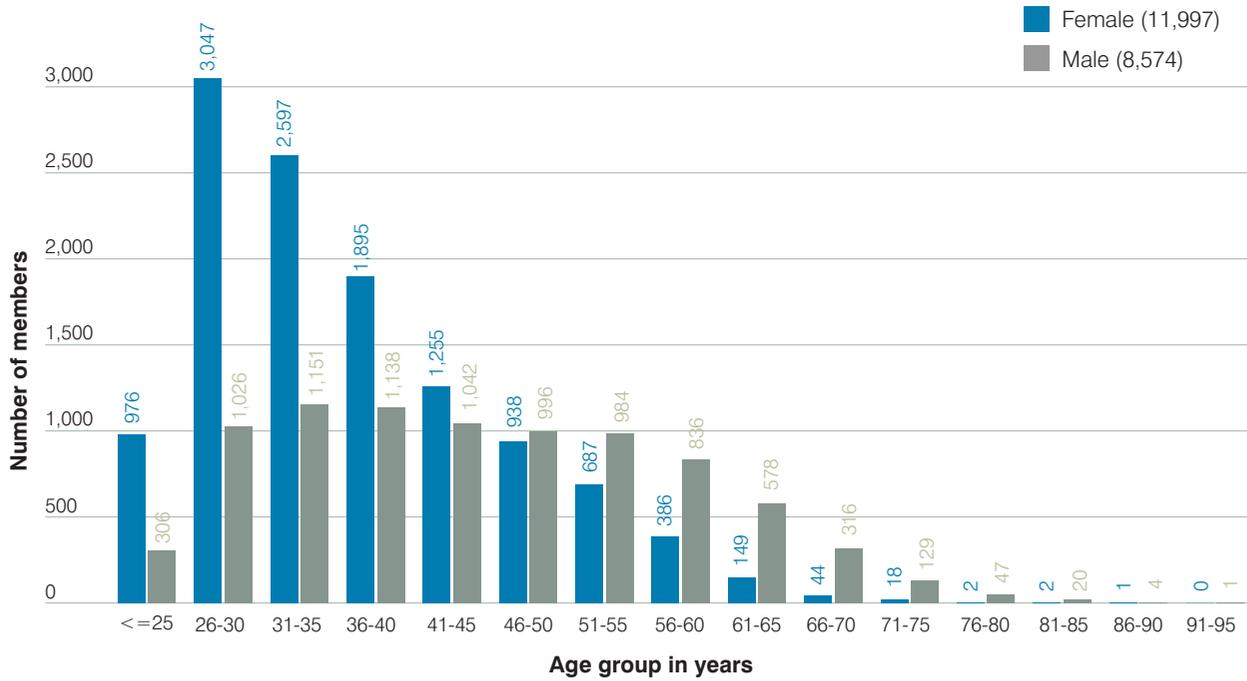
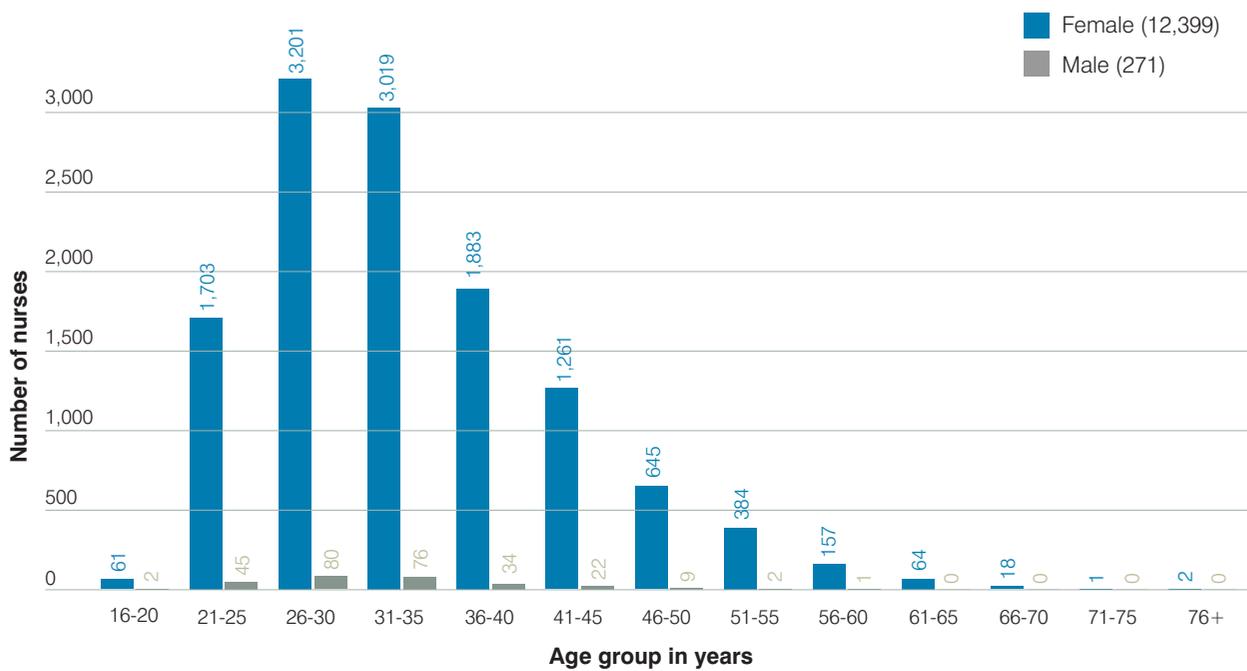
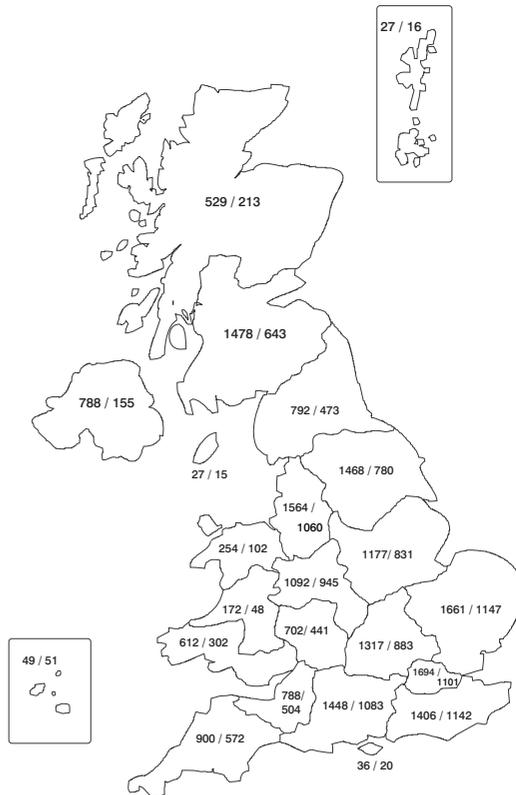


Figure 4. Registered veterinary nurses by age and gender



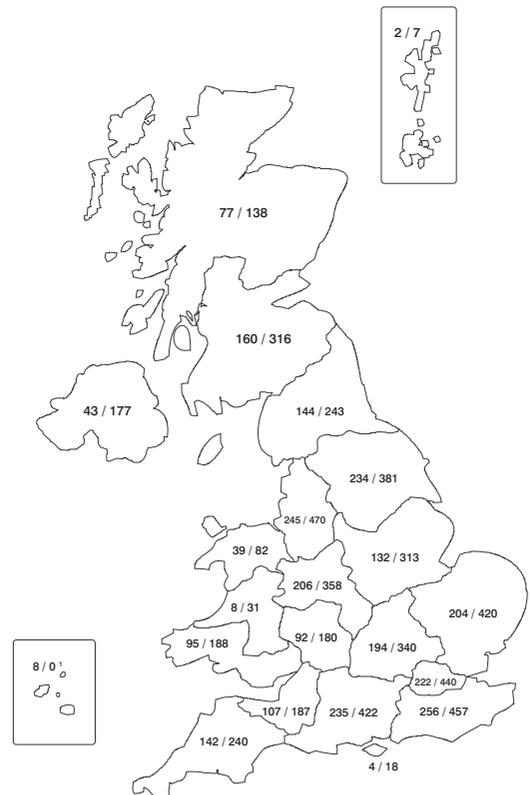
NB There are 28 veterinary nurses on a period of supervised practice.

Figure 5. Numbers of practising veterinary surgeons/registered veterinary nurses in the UK



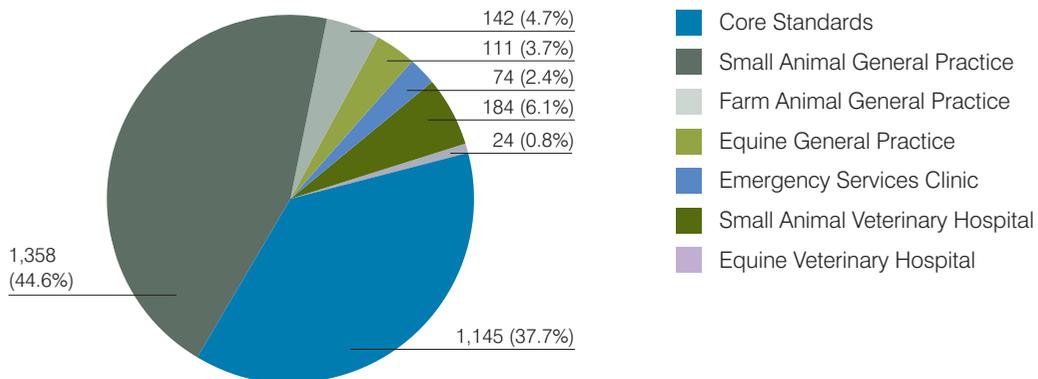
NB Only 19,981 of the 20,571 UK-practising veterinary surgeons and 12,527 of the 12,670 registered veterinary nurses have UK addresses recorded as their Register address.

Figure 6. Numbers of PSS veterinary premises/registered veterinary premises in the UK



NB 234/381 = of the 384 registered veterinary premises in the region, 234 are under the ambit of the RCVS Practice Standards Scheme (PSS). Totals = 2,849/5,408. *Veterinary practice premises in the Channel Islands are not required to be registered on the Register of Veterinary Practice Premises.

Figure 7. Breakdown of PSS veterinary premises by accreditation type



NB includes 3,038 accreditation types awarded across the 2,849 veterinary practice premises under the ambit of the RCVS Practice Standards Scheme, ie some premises have multiple accreditation types.

Table 2. Registration of veterinary surgeons and veterinary nurses

Numbers are as at 31 March for each year.

	2013	2014	2015
Veterinary surgeons			
Total on Register	25,830	26,867	27,934
New registrations ¹	1,547	1,639	1,743
Removed	1,032	836	843
Restored	275	234	167
Veterinary nurses			
Total on List	1,131	1,052	-
Total on Register ²	9,746	10,586	12,670
Total on List/Register	10,877	11,661	-
Removed from List/Register	704	612	519

¹ New registrations can include individuals who have been removed and subsequently restored within the year period.² Includes 28 veterinary nurses on a period of supervised practice.

Table 3. Fees for veterinary surgeons and veterinary nurses

	01/04/14 (£)	01/04/15 (£)
Veterinary surgeons		
Registration fees		
Registration (between 01 Apr & 30 Sep)	299	299
Registration (between 01 Oct & 31 Mar)	150	150
New graduates	150	150
Temporary	299	299
Annual retention fees		
UK-practising	299	299
Postgraduate	150	150
Practising outside the UK	150	150
Non-practising	49	49
Non-practising (70+)	Free	Free
Supplementary Veterinary Register	Free	Free
Restoration fees		
Following voluntary removal ¹	75	75
Following non-payment removal ²	299	299
Veterinary nurses		
	2014	2015
Registration fee	112	112
Annual retention fee (due by 01 Nov)	61	61
Restoration fee	112	112

¹ Plus proportion of relevant retention fee for the remaining year.² Plus full retention fee for membership category at time of removal.

Table 4. Number of new registrations 2009/10 – 2014/15 based on registrant's country of graduation / qualification recognition

Names entered on	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/2015
Non-EU/EEA						
Australia	72	72	67	56	83	93
Canada	5	8	5	8	2	10
New Zealand	40	21	19	25	17	12
South Africa	20	20	13	8	15	24
United States of America	9	21	22	25	18	17
Sub-total (Non-EU/EEA)	146	142	126	122	135	156
EU/EEA/CH						
Austria	5	7	4	5	1	5
Belgium	16	16	9	11	20	22
Bulgaria	13	19	12	15	22	19
Croatia	0	0	0	0	2	5
Czech Republic	2	5	7	4	11	10
Denmark	9	2	5	6	11	11
Estonia	0	1	0	1	2	2
Finland	0	0	1	4	1	0
France	13	12	12	8	9	11
Germany	24	31	25	14	17	22
Greece	4	10	17	25	27	24
Hungary	18	20	19	22	21	13
Ireland	53	59	58	69	70	73
Italy	50	39	51	45	111	92
Latvia	1	5	1	0	1	0
Lithuania	6	15	4	8	4	7
Netherlands	11	9	9	12	11	15
Norway [EEA]	1	2	0	2	0	2
Poland	19	20	29	38	55	70
Portugal	19	23	24	46	42	57
Romania	39	59	46	59	48	73
Slovak Republic	11	7	17	10	10	24
Slovenia	1	4	2	6	2	2
Spain	46	65	95	181	190	198
Sweden	3	1	4	1	2	2
Switzerland [CH]	5	4	4	3	3	4
EU-recognised qualifications ¹	–	–	1	8	8	4
Sub-total (EU/EEA/CH)	369	435	456	603	701	767
RCVS Statutory Examination for Membership						
	14	17	21	15	8	7
Total outside UK	529	594	603	740	844	930
UK graduates	736	708	815	807	795	813
	1,265	1,302	1,418	1,547	1,639	1,743

¹ Under EU Directive 2005/36/EU, we have also registered a number of EU nationals or Community rights-entitled persons holding qualifications from the following third countries that are recognised by the regulatory authority in an EU Member State. 2011/12: Russia (1). 2012/13: Angola (1), Argentina (1), Colombia (1), Cuba (1), India (1), Israel (1) and Venezuela (2). 2014/15: Tunisia (1), Argentina (1) and Chile (2).

Figure 8. Trends in registration of veterinary surgeons

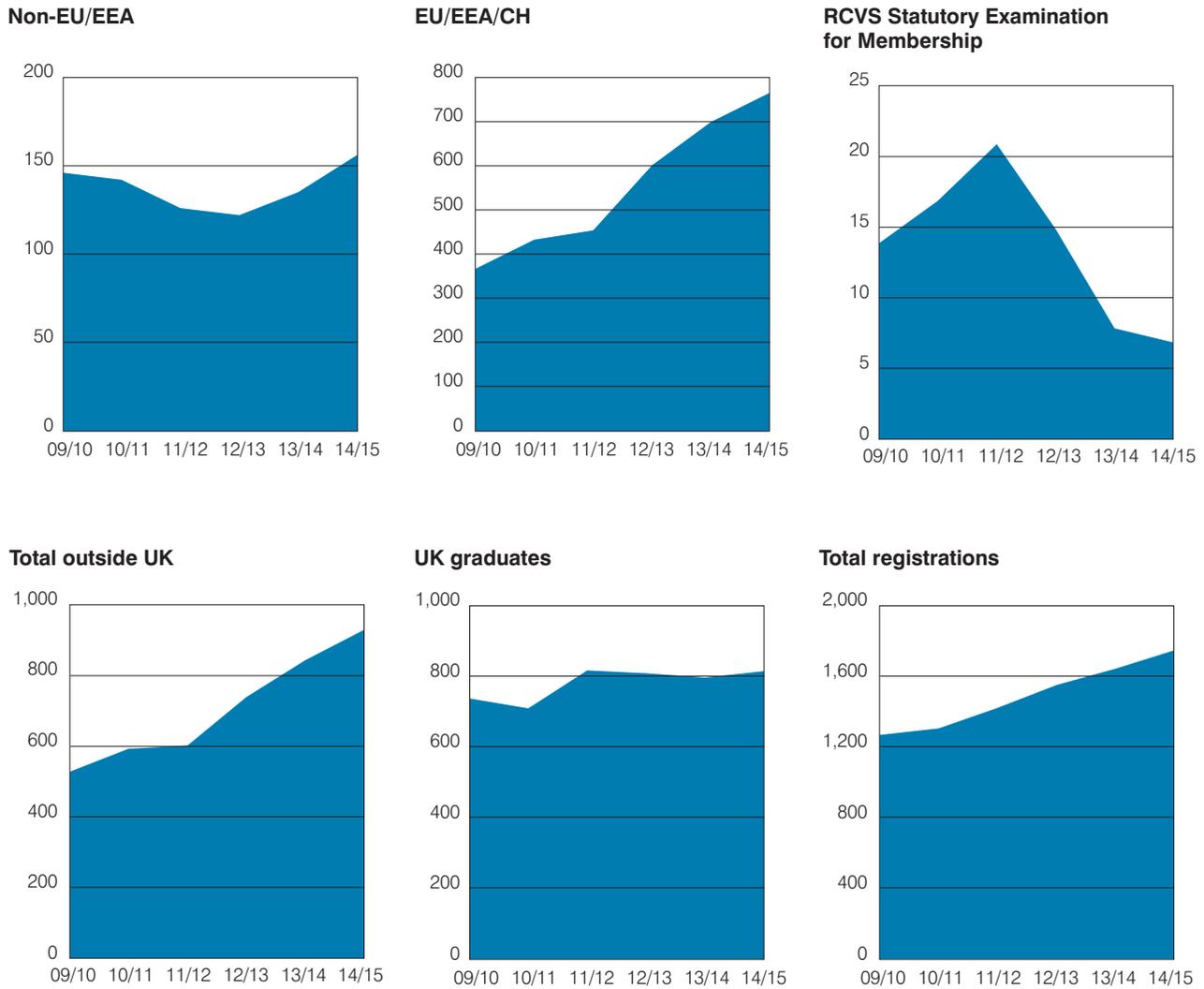


Table 5. Number of new VN registrations 2009/10 - 2014/15 based on registrant's country of qualification

Names entered on	2009/10	2010/11	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	2014/2015
Non-EU/EEA						
Australia	13	17	19	10	5	6
Canada	3	2	-	1	-	2
Israel	1	-	-	-	-	-
New Zealand	2	5	9	7	-	5
South Africa	1	4	5	-	-	5
United States of America	1	1	2	2	2	-
Hong Kong	-	-	-	-	-	-
Russia	-	-	-	-	1	-
Sub-total (Non-EU/EEA)	21	29	35	20	8	18
EU/EEA/CH						
Belgium	-	1	-	-	2	-
Czech Republic	-	-	-	-	-	-
Denmark	-	1	-	-	3	1
Finland	-	-	-	1	-	-
France	-	-	1	-	-	1
Germany	-	-	-	1	-	-
Ireland	2	7	7	6	22	33
Italy	-	-	-	-	-	4
Netherlands	-	1	3	1	-	3
Norway [EEA]	-	1	-	-	1	-
Poland	-	-	-	-	-	-
Portugal	-	-	-	1	7	6
Romania	-	-	-	-	-	-
Spain	1	-	-	-	-	-
Sweden	-	-	-	1	-	1
Sub-total (EU/EEA/CH)	3	11	11	11	35	49
Total outside UK	24	40	46	31	43	67
UK graduates	898	902	554	910	993	1,039
	922	942	600	941	1,036	1,106

Figure 9. Trends in registration of veterinary nurses

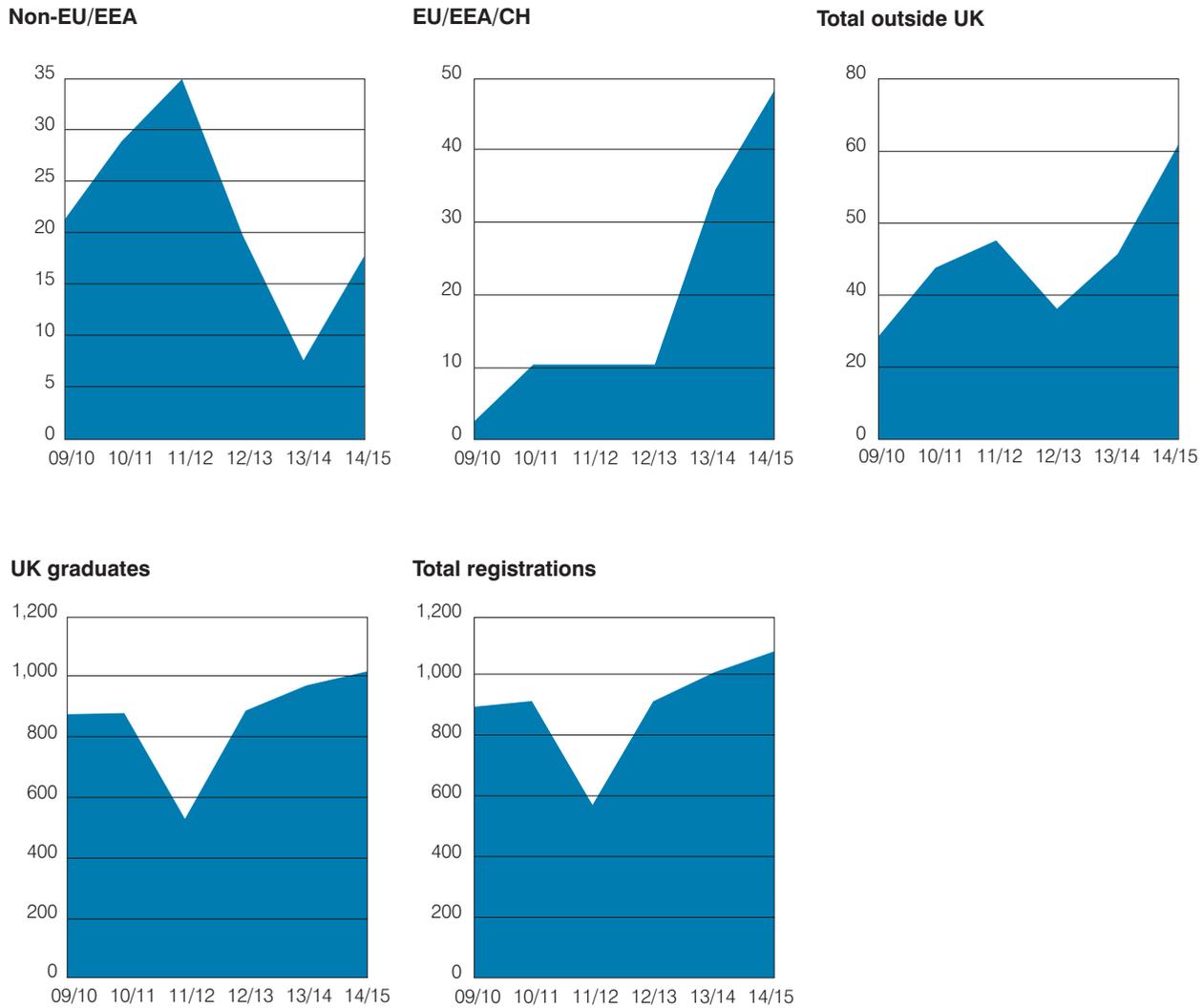


Table 6. Undergraduate student numbers 2014 to 2015

UK veterinary school students		Admissions to the first year of the veterinary course in 2014/2015			Admissions to the second or later year of the veterinary course in 2014/2015			Students admitted with a degree		
		M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
Bristol	UK	28	118	150	-	-	-	5	11	17
	EU	-	-		-	-				
	Overseas	-	4		-	1				
Cambridge	UK	22	43	69	-	-	-	-	2	2
	EU	-	1		-	-				
	Overseas	-	3		-	-				
Edinburgh	UK	14	64	129	1	11	46	2	13	49
	EU	1	2		2	2		2	2	
	Overseas	6	42		3	27		3	27	
Glasgow	UK	17	43	124	-	-	-	-	-	36
	EU	-	1		-	-		-	-	
	Overseas	11	52		-	-		6	30	
Liverpool	UK	22	150	178	-	-	-	5	27	32
	EU	3	3		-	-		-	-	
	Overseas	-	-		-	-		-	-	
London	UK	50	135	207	-	-	-	7	15	47
	EU	-	3		-	-		-	-	
	Overseas	3	16		-	-		2	23	
Nottingham	UK	25	108	140	-	-	-	-	5	5
	EU	2	3		-	-		-	-	
	Overseas	-	2		-	-		-	-	
TOTALS		204	793	997	6	40	46	32	156	188

¹ Total number of students in the six-year degree course at Cambridge, both the five-year and six-year degree courses at London, and the five-year degree courses at the other veterinary schools. These totals also include students on preparatory 'year-zero' courses. Edinburgh admitted 44 students; Liverpool admitted five students; Nottingham admitted 26 students; RVC admitted 42 students.

² All Cambridge students taking the six-year VetMB degree spend their third year taking the Cambridge tripos, leading to a BA degree.

All data supplied to the RCVS by the veterinary schools, as required by Section 5(5) of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966.

Total numbers attending the veterinary degree course ¹			Veterinary students taking an intercalated science course in 2014/2015			Numbers of intercalated degree holders ²			Numbers of applications received for current academic year			Numbers of students obtaining a veterinary degree in 2014					
M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total			
118	496	625	3	8	11	7	18	26	268	1,043	1,396	24	73	99			
-	-		-	-		-	-		-	-		-	-		-	-	-
-	11		-	-		-	-		1	-		85	-		2		
106	277	395	-	-	-	-	-	-	58	221	353	15	53	71			
-	5		-	-		-	-		-	5		35	-		2		
-	7		-	-		-	-		-	5		29	-		1		
80	367	786	1	2	4	6	11	18	179	666	1,451	20	66	155			
14	50		-	-		-	-		-	55		179	3		9		
40	235		-	1		-	1		50	322		9	48				
91	263	650	2	1	3	-	1	4	115	381	1,018	16	46	98			
-	3		-	-		-	-		-	53		192	-		-		
72	221		-	-		-	3		38	239		6	30				
128	598	748	1	1	2	1	1	2	248	933	1,340	21	87	113			
8	11		-	-		-	-		-	29		79	-		1		
-	3		-	-		-	-		-	7		44	1		3		
265	741	1,207	3	20	24	9	30	44	280	871	1,599	38	140	231			
4	13		-	1		-	1		11	63		2	4				
35	149		-	-		1	3		54	320		8	39				
137	421	605	1	-	1	1	1	2	328	1,160	1,818	22	58	87			
6	13		-	-		-	-		36	169		1	1				
3	25		-	-		-	-		22	103		2	3				
1,107	3,909	5,016	11	34	45	25	71	96	1,841	7,134	8,975	188	666	854			

Table 7. Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Practice:
number of module passes as at 31 March 2015

Module code	Module title	Number of module passes
A-FAVP.1	Foundations of Advanced Veterinary Practice	811
A-PKS.0	Professional Key Skills	667
B-CKS.0	Clinical Key Skills	678
B-EP.3	Equine Practice	370
B-GVM.5	Global Veterinary Medicine	1
B-PAP.2	Production Animal Practice	87
B-SAP.1	Small Animal Practice	652
B-ZM.6	Zoological Medicine	42
C-AWSEL.1	Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law – Introduction and Theory	4
C-AWSEL.2	Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law – Applying the Theory	1
C-C.1	Management and Diseases of Beef Cattle	11
C-C.2	Dairy Nutrition and Production	10
C-C.3	Dairy Health and Fertility	12
C-C.4	Bovine Nutrition, Husbandry and Lactogenesis	18
C-C.5	Bovine Reproduction	18
C-C.6	Bovine Mastitis and Lameness	15
C-C.7	Youngstock Rearing and Infectious Diseases	19
C-CAM.1	Advanced General Camelid Practice	0
C-CAM.2	Advanced Clinical Camelid Practice (A)	0
C-CAM.3	Advanced Clinical Camelid Practice (B)	0
C-E.1	Equine Gastrointestinal Disease and Intensive Care	129
C-E.2	Equine Cardiovascular and Respiratory Diseases	115
C-E.3	Equine General Medicine	128
C-E.4	Equine Neuromuscular, Behaviour and Special Senses	46
C-E.5	Basic Equine Surgery	84
C-E.6	Equine Lameness (A)	78
C-E.7	Equine Lameness (B)	65
C-E.9	Mare Reproduction and Breeding Management	42
C-E.10	Stallion Reproduction and Breeding Management	24
C-E.11	Care and Management of Foal and Yearling, Stud Farm Management, Herd Health	35
C-E.12	Equine Dentistry – Equine Dental Anatomy and Physiology	15
C-E.13	Equine Dentistry – Equine Dental Care, Diagnosis and Treatment	18
C-E.14	Equine Dentistry – Equine Dental Surgery	11
C-E.15	Basic Equine Practice Part 1	36
C-E.16	Basic Equine Practice Part 2	37
C-E.17	Basic Equine Practice Part 3	38
C-ECC.1	Critical Care	10
C-ECC.2	Emergency Care (A)	23
C-ECC.3	Emergency Care (B)	28
C-LAS.1	Laboratory Animals – Anaesthesia & Analgesia	2
C-LAS.2	Laboratory Animals - Animal Models, Endpoints and Study Design	0
C-LAS.3	Laboratory Animals – Genetically Modified Animals	0
C-LAS.4	Laboratory Animals – Diseases	0
C-S.1	Sheep – Diseases of Adult Sheep	2
C-S.2	Sheep Reproduction, Pregnancy and Parturition	3
C-S.3	Sheep – Diseases of Lambs and Parasitic Diseases	3
C-SAM.1	Canine Medicine (A)	0
C-SAM.2	Canine Medicine (B)	0

Module code	Module title	Number of module passes
C-SAM.3	Canine Medicine (C)	0
C-SAM.4	Canine Medicine (D)	4
C-SAM.5	Feline Medicine (A)	1
C-SAM.6	Feline Medicine (B)	2
C-SAM.8	Small Animal Medicine (A) – Mixed	133
C-SAM.9	Small Animal Medicine (B) – Mixed	125
C-SAM.10	Small Animal Medicine (C) – Mixed	108
C-SAS.1	Small Animal Surgery (Core)	152
C-SAS.2	Small Animal Soft Tissue Surgery (A)	45
C-SAS.3	Small Animal Soft Tissue Surgery (B)	54
C-SAS.6	Small Animal Orthopaedic Surgery (A)	39
C-SAS.7	Small Animal Orthopaedic Surgery (B)	36
C-VA.1	Small Animal Anaesthesia and Analgesia	21
C-VA.2	Equine Anaesthesia and Analgesia	31
C-VA.3	Critical Care and Analgesia	37
C-VBM.1	Veterinary Business Management – Marketing	9
C-VBM.2	Veterinary Business Management – Financial Accounting and Resource Management	10
C-VBM.3	Veterinary Business Management – Human Resources	16
C-VBM.4	Veterinary Business Management – Business Strategy and Entrepreneurship	17
C-VC.1	Cardiovascular Anatomy, Physiology and Pathology	13
C-VC.2	Cardiovascular Diagnostics	7
C-VC.3	Cardiovascular Therapeutics	8
C-VCM.1	Principles of Coaching and Mentoring Development in Veterinary Practice	0
C-VD.1	Veterinary Dermatology (Core)	26
C-VD.2	Veterinary Dermatology – Small Animal (A)	18
C-VD.3	Veterinary Dermatology – Small Animal (B)	13
C-VD.4	Veterinary Dermatology – Equine	9
C-VDI.1	Diagnostic Imaging in Practice	7
C-VDI.2	Small Animal Diagnostic Imaging – Orthopaedics	5
C-VDI.3	Small Animal Diagnostic Imaging – Soft Tissue	3
C-VDI.4	Large Animal Diagnostic Imaging (A)	5
C-VDI.5	Large Animal Diagnostic Imaging (B)	4
C-VCG.1	Clinical Governance in Veterinary Practice	0
C-VGP1	Veterinary General Practice – Clinical Audit	16
C-VGP2	Veterinary General Practice – Consultation Skills	15
C-VGP3	Veterinary General Practice – Professional Responsibility and Practice	13
C-VEPI.1	Methods in Surveillance and Field Investigation	0
C-VEPI.3	Quantitative Methods	0
C-VP.1	Basic Tissue Pathology, Necropsy and Biopsy	1
C-VP.2	Clinical Pathology – Laboratory Diagnostics	2
C-VML.1	Veterinary Management and Leadership	0
C-VPH.1	Animal Welfare in the Food Chain	2
C-VPH.3	Zoonoses and Infectious Diseases	1
C-ZM.1	Zoological Medicine – Wildlife	11
C-ZM.2	Zoological Medicine – Zoo Animals	13
C-ZM.3	Zoological Medicine – Small Pet Mammals	27
C-ZM.4	Zoological Medicine – Exotic Avian Species	28
C-ZM.5	Zoological Medicine – Reptiles	31

NB There are 1,197 candidates actively enrolled in the modular certificate scheme as at 31 March 2015.

Table 8. Number of Certificates in Advanced Veterinary Practice awarded as at 31 March 2015

Certificate subject	Designation	Total number of certificates awarded since inception of the modular certificate scheme
Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Practice	CertAVP	111
Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Practice (Cattle)	CertAVP(Cattle)	10
Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Practice (Emergency and Critical Care)	CertAVP(ECC)	5
Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Practice (Equine Dentistry)	CertAVP(ED)	5
Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Practice (Equine Medicine)	CertAVP(EM)	57
Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Practice (Equine Practice)	CertAVP(EP)	22
Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Practice (Equine Stud Medicine)	CertAVP(ESM)	7
Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Practice (Equine Surgery Orthopaedic)	CertAVP(ESO)	31
Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Practice (Equine Surgery Soft Tissue)	CertAVP(ESST)	10
Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Practice (General Small Animal Surgery)	CertAVP(GSAS)	29
Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Practice (Small Animal Medicine)	CertAVP(SAM)	23
Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Practice (Veterinary Anaesthesia)	CertAVP (VA)	1
Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Practice (Veterinary Cardiology)	CertAVP(VC)	6
Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Practice (Veterinary General Practice)	CertAVP(VetGP)	14
Certificate in Advanced Veterinary Practice (Zoological Medicine)	CertAVP(ZM)	17
Total		348

NB 348 certificates have been awarded to 336 people. Ten people have achieved two certificates each and one person has achieved three certificates.

Table 9. Successful Diploma holders by subject

Diploma in Small Animal Surgery (Orthopaedics)
Stephen Kalf BVSc MACVSc MRCVS
Diploma in Veterinary Cardiology
Domingo Casamian Sorrosal CertSAM CertVC MRCVS Emily Isabelle Dutton BVM&S CertVC MRCVS
Diploma in Zoological Medicine (Avian)
Victoria Louise Baldrey BVSc BSc CertZooMed MRCVS
Diploma in Zoological Medicine (Mammalian)
Sarah Louise Chapman BVM&S MSc CertZooMed MRCVS

Table 10. Number of enrolled candidates and those who have obtained Diploma qualifications as at 31 December 2014

Diploma subject	Total number of enrolled candidates	Enrolled candidates who have obtained approval to sit the examination	Total diplomas awarded since inception of subject ¹
Animal Welfare Science, Ethics & Law	3	1	10
Cattle Health & Production	11	5	22
Equine Internal Medicine	4	0	5
Equine Orthopaedics	5	1	12
Equine Soft Tissue Surgery	4	2	6
Equine Stud Medicine	4	1	6
Fish Health & Production	0	0	0
Laboratory Animal Science	5	0	25
Pig Medicine	2	1	12
Poultry Medicine & Production	1	1	6
Sheep Health & Production	2	0	12
Small Animal Medicine	0	0	33
Small Animal Medicine (Feline)	0	0	8
Small Animal Orthopaedics	0	0	11
Small Animal Surgery (Orthopaedics)	16	8	26
Small Animal Surgery (Soft Tissue)	1	1	16
State Veterinary Medicine	0	0	1
Veterinary Anaesthesia	0	0	71
Veterinary Cardiology	9	4	21
Veterinary Dermatology	0	0	20
Veterinary Diagnostic Imaging	0	0	7
Veterinary Ophthalmology	0	0	23
Veterinary Public Health (Meat Hygiene)	1	1	5
Veterinary Radiology	0	0	101
Veterinary Reproduction	0	0	3
Zoological Medicine (Avian)	1	1	7
Zoological Medicine (Mammalian)	7	2	11
Zoological Medicine (Reptilian)	3	0	4
Total (Diplomas)	79	29	484

¹ These figures include the following numbers of Foundation Diplomates: Equine Orthopaedics – 2; Equine Stud Medicine – 3; Laboratory Animal Science – 5; Pig Medicine – 5; Poultry Medicine and Production – 5; Small Animal Orthopaedics – 4; Veterinary Anaesthesia – 3; Veterinary Cardiology – 2; Veterinary Dermatology – 5; Veterinary Ophthalmology – 4; Veterinary Radiology – 5.

NB All RCVS Diplomas have been closed for enrolment since 1 November 2012. Examinations will continue to be held up until 2019, or when the last candidate leaves the system.

Figure 9. Current holders of RCVS postgraduate statuses, qualifications and awards

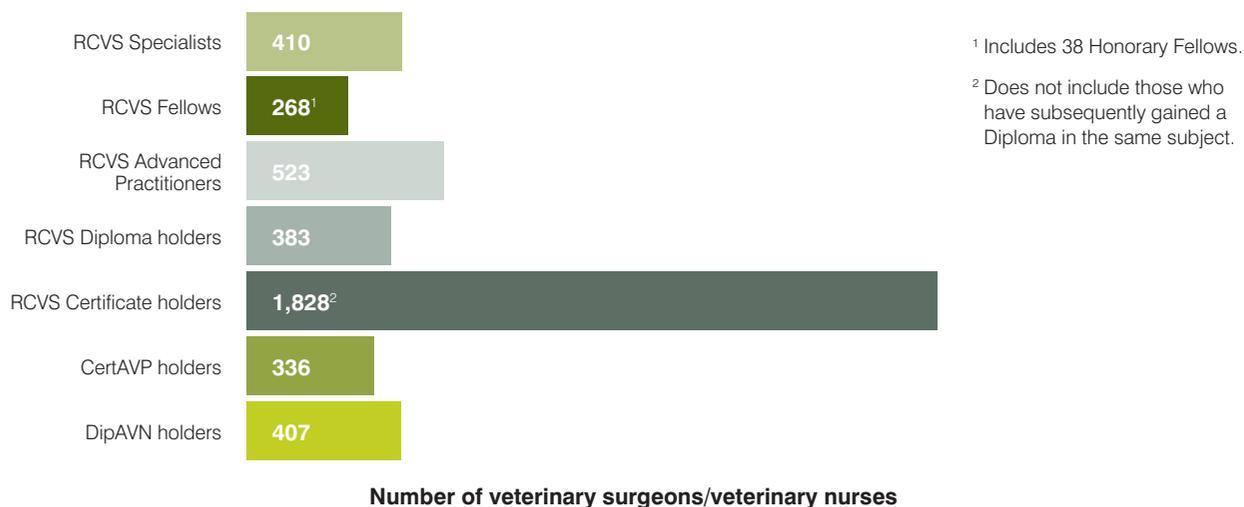


Table 11. Number of Diplomas in Advanced Veterinary Nursing (DipAVN) awarded

	2012	2013	2014	2015
DipAVN(Small Animal)	29	38	29	39
DipAVN(Equine)	0	3	1	0

NB In 2013, 2014 and 2015, the diplomas were awarded during the year under review, although published in April.

Table 12. Numbers of veterinary nursing training practices, approved awarding organisations and higher education institutions¹

	01/01/12	01/01/13	01/01/14	01/01/15
Training practices	1,766	1,916	2,030	2,155
Awarding organisations	2	3	3	3
Higher education institutions	14	14	15	15

¹ Institutions and organisations offering approved qualifications leading to the Register.

Figure 10. Number of concerns raised about veterinary surgeons and veterinary nurses

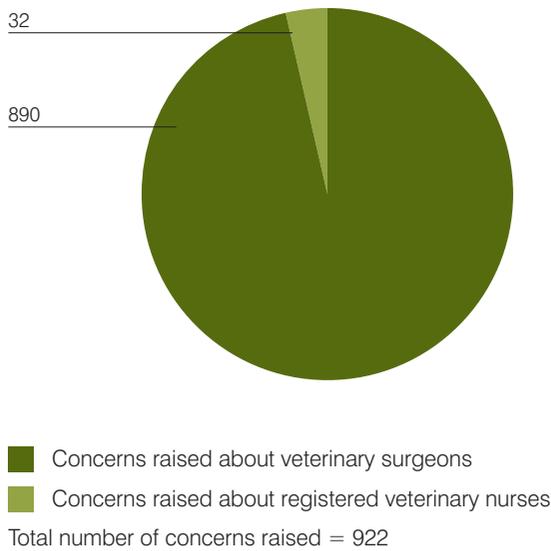
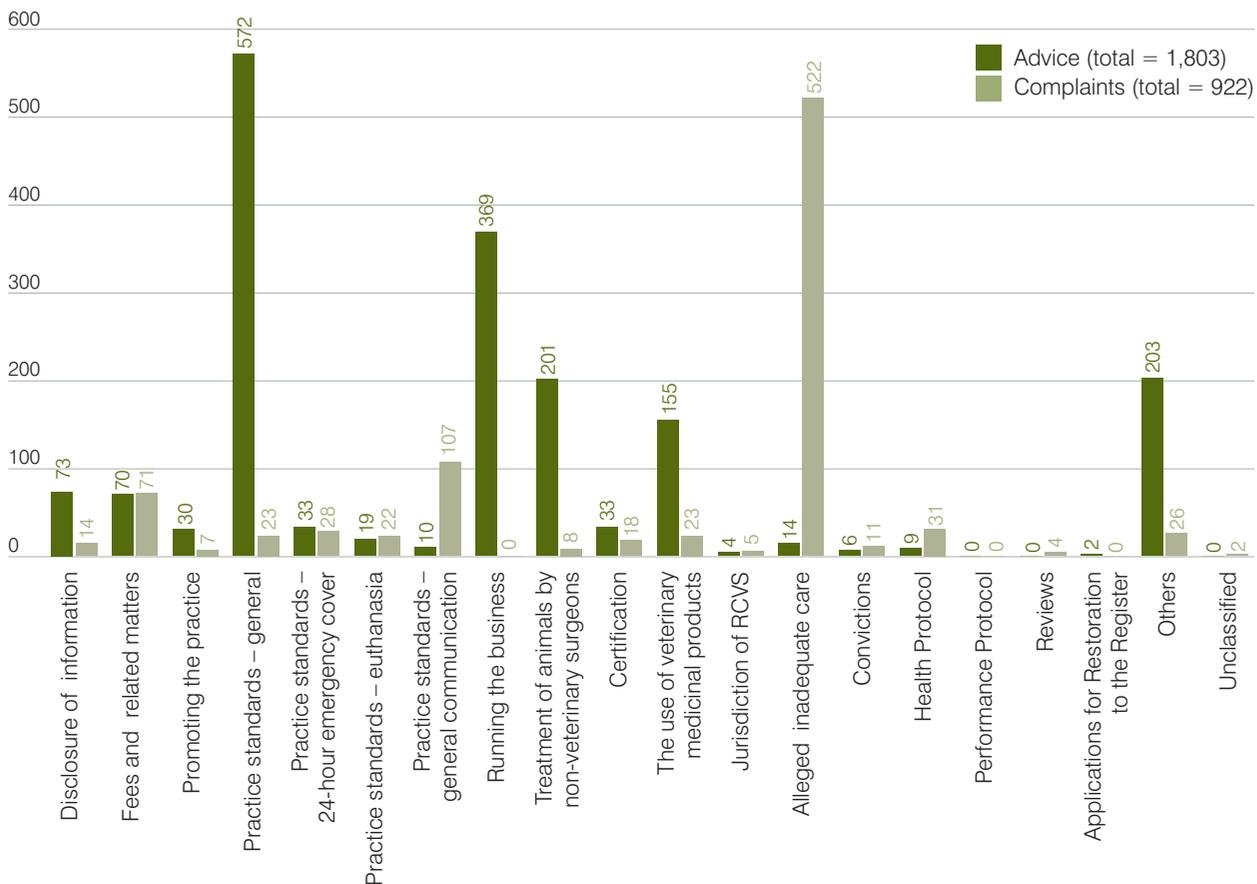


Figure 11. Number and category of concerns raised and written requests for advice received (for both veterinary surgeons and registered veterinary nurses)



NB 'Practice standards' in this context does not relate to the Practice Standards Scheme but standards within practice more generally.

Table 13. Number and type of case examinations and investigations by the Preliminary Investigation Committee (PIC) / Registered Veterinary Nurses Preliminary Investigation Committee (RVNPIC)

	2013/14	2014/15
Announced visits to veterinary practices and those raising concerns (No of interviews)	72 (179)	90 (215)
Unannounced visits to veterinary practices (No of interviews)	10 (18)	9 (15)
Health Protocol visits (No of interviews)	3 (4)	8 (13)
Performance Protocol visits (No of interviews)	0	0
Review visits (No of interviews)	5 (6)	4 (4)
Referrals to external solicitors (No of formal witness statements taken)	38 (102)	39 (144)
Registration investigations (No of interviews)	1 (2)	2 (2)
Veterinary Surgeons Act 1966 (No of interviews) ¹	0	3 (5)

¹ New reporting category for the year under review

NB The complaints procedure provides for investigation at an early stage. Generally, it is the PIC / RVNPIC that refers complaints to external solicitors.

Table 14. Summary of Disciplinary Committee (DC) hearings

Scheduled dates	Name	Complaint concerning	Outcome	Reported	Cost (£)
Registered Veterinary Surgeons					
24/06/14 & 14/11/14 (Two-day hearing)	Mr Denis Cronin	Application to be restored to the Register	Application granted	RCVS website 17/11/14 RCVS News (Nov 2014 & Mar 2015)	£24,312
21/07/14 – 24/07/14 (Three-day hearing)	Mr Oliver Lown	Allegations of possession of extreme pornographic images and videos involving sexual intercourse with animals	Removed from the Register	RCVS website 05/08/14 RCVS News (Nov 2014)	£76,331
26/01/15 – 30/01/15 (Five-day hearing)	Mr Frank Ainsworth	Allegations relating to inadequate treatment of a dog suffering with heatstroke	Severe reprimand and warning as to future conduct	RCVS website 02/02/15 RCVS News (Mar 2015)	£61,962
11/02/15 (One-day hearing)	Mr Warwick Seymour-Hamilton	Application to be restored to the Register	Application refused	RCVS website 13/02/15 RCVS News (Mar 2015)	£9,877
Registered Veterinary Nurses					
19/05/14 (One-day hearing)	Ms Kellie Price	Allegations of dishonesty involving writing false prescriptions in the name of a veterinary surgeon	Suspended from the Register for a period of nine months	RCVS website 05/08/14 RCVS News (Jun 2014)	£13,058

Table 15. Summary of cases handled outside the Disciplinary Committee (DC)

Identification ¹	Complaint concerning	Outcomes	Cost (£) ²
Health Protocol cases			
Case 1	Alcohol misuse	Health protocol	Internal costs only
Case 2	Alcohol misuse	Health protocol / undertakings	£2,043
Case 3	Alcohol misuse	Health protocol / undertakings	£1,306
Case 4	Alcohol misuse	Health protocol / undertakings	£4,249
Case 5	Drug misuse	Health protocol / undertakings	£500
Case 6	Drug misuse	Health protocol / undertakings	Internal costs only
Case 7	Drug misuse	Health protocol / undertakings	£3,840
Case 8	Alcohol misuse	Health protocol / undertakings	£170
Performance Protocol cases			
Case 9	Clinical performance / medicine dispensing running the practice	Performance / undertakings	£18,292
Case 10	Clinical performance / medicine use	Performance / undertakings	£11,404

¹ Unless referred to a DC hearing, all cases remain anonymous

² The costs relating to these cases are cumulative: some commenced before 1 April 2014 and others will continue after 31 March 2015.

This section lists the members of RCVS Council and committees, and VN Council, from 11 July 2014 – 10 July 2015, and their attendance record during the year under review (1 April 2014 – 31 March 2015).

Table 16. RCVS Council and committee membership and attendance

	Cncl	ARC	DC	EC	Ops Brd	PIC
Elected Members						
Christopher Barker MRCVS	3/3	–	–	–	–	–
David Bartram FRCVS	1/2	–	–	1/3	–	–
Amanda Boag MRCVS	3/3	–	–	–	6/8	–
David Catlow MRCVS	3/3	–	–	–	7/8	–
Niall Connell MRCVS	3/3	–	–	–	–	–
Sheila Crispin FRCVS	3/3	–	1/1	–	–	–
Jerry Davies MRCVS	3/3	–	–	–	–	9/12
Mark Elliott MRCVS	3/3	–	–	–	–	10/12
Chris Gray MRCVS	3/3	–	–	–	–	–
Mandisa Greene MRCVS	2/2	–	–	–	–	–
Lynne Hill MRCVS	3/3	2/3	–	–	–	–
Peter Jinman MRCVS	3/3	–	–	–	–	–
Barry Johnson MRCVS	2/3	–	–	–	–	–
Stephen May FRCVS	3/3	–	1/1	–	–	–
Jacqui Molyneux MRCVS	3/3	–	–	–	1/1	3/3
Bob Moore MRCVS	3/3	–	5/5	–	–	–
Sue Paterson MRCVS	2/2	–	–	3/3	–	–
Neil Smith MRCVS	2/3	–	–	–	5/8	–
Richard Stephenson MRCVS	3/3	–	–	–	–	12/12
Christopher Sturgess MRCVS	3/3	–	–	3/3	–	–
Lord Trees MRCVS	2/3	–	–	–	–	–
Chris Tufnell MRCVS	3/3	–	–	3/3	6/8	–
Bradley Viner MRCVS	3/3	–	–	3/3	8/8	–
Tom Witte MRCVS	3/3	–	–	–	–	–
Appointed Members						
Elaine Acaster (Ln)	1/2	–	–	3/3	–	–
David Argyle MRCVS (E)	2/3	–	–	2/3	–	–
Malcolm Bennett MRCVS (Lv)	3/3	–	–	–	–	–
Karen Braithwaite (N)	2/3	–	–	–	–	–
Noreen Burrows (G)	2/3	–	5/5	–	–	–
Ewan Cameron MRCVS (G)	3/3	–	–	–	–	–
Susan Dawson MRCVS (Lv)	3/3	–	–	3/3	–	–
Gary England FRCVS (N)	3/3	–	–	3/3	–	–
Michael Herrtage MRCVS (C)	3/3	–	–	–	–	–
Andrea Jeffery RVN (B)	2/3	–	–	–	–	–
Tim King MRCVS (E)	2/2	–	–	–	–	–
Joanna Price MRCVS (B)	2/3	–	–	3/3	–	–
Stuart Reid MRCVS (Ln)	3/3	–	–	–	8/8	–
James Wood (C)	3/3	–	–	–	–	–
Privy Council Appointed Members						
Richard Davis	3/3	1/3	–	–	–	–
Nigel Gibbens MRCVS	1/3	–	–	–	–	–
Rachel Jennings	2/3	–	2/2	–	–	–
Judith Webb	3/3	–	8/8	–	–	–

PIC/DC Lsn	RVN DC	RVN PIC	Stndrds	Total	%
-	-	-	3/3	6/6	100
-	-	-	-	2/5	40
0/1	-	-	-	9/12	75
-	-	-	2/2	12/13	92
-	-	-	-	3/3	100
-	1/1	-	-	5/5	100
2/2	-	-	-	14/17	82
-	-	-	-	13/15	87
-	-	-	-	3/3	100
-	-	-	2/2	4/4	100
-	-	7/8	-	12/14	86
-	-	-	1/1	4/4	100
1/1	-	-	-	3/4	75
-	-	-	1/2	5/6	83
-	-	-	1/2	8/9	89
-	-	-	-	8/8	100
-	-	-	-	5/5	100
1/1	-	-	-	8/12	67
-	-	-	-	15/15	100
-	-	-	-	6/6	100
-	-	-	-	2/3	67
-	-	-	-	12/14	86
1/1	-	-	-	15/15	100
-	-	-	3/3	6/6	100
-	-	-	-	4/5	80
-	-	-	-	4/6	67
-	-	-	-	3/3	100
1/2	-	-	-	3/5	60
1/1	1/1	-	-	9/10	90
-	-	-	3/3	6/6	100
-	-	-	-	6/6	100
-	-	-	-	6/6	100
-	-	-	-	3/3	100
-	-	7/8	-	9/11	82
-	-	-	-	2/2	100
-	-	-	-	5/6	83
1/1	-	-	-	12/12	100
-	-	-	-	3/3	100
-	-	-	-	4/6	67
-	-	-	-	1/3	33
-	-	-	-	4/5	80
-	-	-	-	11/11	100

Key

- Cncl – RCVS Council
- ARC – Audit and Risk Committee
- DC – Disciplinary Committee
- EC – Education Committee
- Ops Brd – Operational Board
- PIC – Preliminary Investigation Committee
- PIC/DC Lsn – PIC/DC Liaison Committee
- RVN DC – Registered Veterinary Nurse Disciplinary Committee
- RVN PIC – Registered Veterinary Nurse Preliminary Investigation Committee
- Stndrds – Standards Committee

Universities:

- B = Bristol
- C = Cambridge
- E = Edinburgh
- G = Glasgow
- Lv = Liverpool
- Ln = London
- N = Nottingham

Table 17. VN Council membership and attendance

	Veterinary Nurses Council	Standards Committee	Operational Board	Total	%
Elected Members					
Elizabeth Branscombe RVN	2/3	–	–	2/3	67
Elizabeth Cox RVN	3/3	2/2	–	5/5	100
Elizabeth Figg REVN	2/3	–	–	2/3	67
Andrea Jeffery RVN	2/3	–	–	2/3	67
Katherine Kissick RVN	2/3	–	6/8	8/11	73
Hilary Orpet RVN	3/3	–	–	3/3	100
Amber Richards RVN	2/2	–	–	2/2	100
Amy Robinson RVN	3/3	–	–	3/3	100
Appointed Members					
Elizabeth Armitage-Chan MRCVS	2/3	–	–	2/3	67
Victoria Aspinall MRCVS	3/3	–	–	3/3	100
Alison Carr	2/3	–	–	2/3	67
Niall Connell MRCVS	3/3	–	–	3/3	100
Dominic Dyer	3/3	–	–	3/3	100
Susan Proctor	3/3	–	–	3/3	100
Neil Smith MRCVS	1/2	–	–	1/2	50
Penelope Swindlehurst	3/3	–	–	3/3	100

Table 18. Permanent staff as at 31 March 2015

Annette Amato	Julie Dugmore	Christine James	Jordan Nicholls
Freda Andrews	George Efstathiou	Anne Jermey	Marilyn Pablo
Duncan Ash	Lesley Evans	Ben Jones	Viv Pankhurst
Chloe Baxter	Eleanor Ferguson	Rita Jorge	Gareth Perkins
Annah Bhebe	Richard Foster	Gemma Kingswell	Marcus Pugh
Luke Bishop	Jeff Gill	Lo Kei Kwok	Thelma Rees
Jacob Bland	Robert Girling	Lily Lipman	Anthony Roberts
Clare Boulton	Julia Goddard-Williams	Lizzie Lockett	Nick Royle
Helen Bourne	Andrew Grainger	Emma Lockley	Nicola South
Dorothy Brereton	Rebecca Hall	Corrie McCann	Jenny Soreskog-Turp
Paulette Brown	Fiona Harcourt	Laura McClintock	Nick Stace
Mike Byrne	Jenny Harris	Diana Mendez	Kittie Story
Lauren Charnley	Emma Hawkins	Alicia Menendez-Buick	Danielle van den Berg
Grace Conteh	Vicky Hedges	Felix Michaux	Matt Wallace
Britta Crawford	Natalie Heppenstall	Henry Morgan	Christine Warman
Gemma Crossley	Mike Hepper	Chris Murdoch	Natalie Watkins
Peris Dean	Gordon Hockey	Ben Myring	Martyn Webster
Ashley Doorly	Ian Holloway	Sandra Neary	Sue Whall
Myai Du	Judith Hylton	Chloe Newbold	Dawn Wiggins



Table 19. Veterinary nursing theory examination (Level 3 Diploma) entries and (pass rate %)

	2012			2013			2014		
	Mar	Jul	Nov	Mar	Jul	Nov	Mar	Jul	Nov
Paper 1	307 (91)	586 (90)	178 (87)	97 (86)	14 (86)	10 (80)	6 (100)	0 (0)	3 (100)
Paper 2	300 (49)	743 (64)	366 (56)	177 (59)	95 (52)	47 (47)	24 (54)	18 (61)	12 (67)
Paper 3	177 (77)	516 (88)	290 (83)	187 (87)	273 (84)	73 (67)	73 (67)	273 (71)	73 (88)

NB Pass rates for all candidates.

Table 20. Veterinary nursing practical examination (Level 3 Diploma) entries and % pass rates

	2012				2013				2014			
	Mar	Jul	Sept	Dec	Mar	Jul	Sept	Dec	Mar	Jul	Sept	Dec
Total entries	236	265	219	223	151	319	164	96	147	177	48	43
% pass rate	65	75	61	74	68	80	75	60	81	77	81	63

NB Pass rates for first-attempt candidates only.

