

Audit and Risk Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 12 May 2026 at 9:30 am to be held remotely via Microsoft Teams

Agenda Item	Classification	Rationale
1. Welcome & apologies for absence (9:30 – 9:40 am)	Oral report Unclassified	n/a
2. Declarations of interest (9:30 – 9:40 am)	Oral report Unclassified	n/a
3. Minutes of the last meeting held on 3 February 2026 (9:30 – 9:40 am)		
3a. Unclassified minutes	Unclassified	n/a
3b. Confidential appendix	Confidential	1,2,3,4
4. Matters arising (9:30 – 9:40 am)	Oral/written report	
5. CEO update (9:40 – 10:00 am)	Oral report	
6. Matters for decision		
6a. Draft Internal Audit Strategy Framework (10:00 – 10:30 am)	Confidential	1,3
6b. Review of Terms of Reference <i>Note: as part of an annual housekeeping exercise, the Committee is invited to review its current Terms of Reference and indicate whether any amendments are required. Any agreed changes will be submitted to RCVS Council in June for approval.</i> (10:30 – 10:40 am)	Oral report	
7. Matters for discussion		
7a. Education Risk Register (10:40 – 10:50 am)	Confidential	1,2,3,4
7b. Corporate Risk Register update (10:50 – 11:05 am)	Confidential	1,3,4

7c. Draft RCVS Governance Manual (11:05 – 11:20 am)	Confidential	1
7d. CRM project update (11:20 – 11:30 am)	Confidential	3,4
7e. CMS project update (11:30 – 11:40 pm)	Confidential	3,4
8. Matters for noting		
8a. Accreditation work plan update (12:40 – 11:45 am)	Unclassified	n/a
8b. DPO report: data protection compliance (11:45 – 11:50 am)	Oral report	
9. Any other business (AOB) (11:50 – 12:00 pm)	Oral report	
10. Reflective session (11:50 – 12:00 pm)	Oral report	
11. Date of the next meeting Wednesday, 2 September 2026 (AM, in person) (11:50 – 12:00 pm)	Oral report Unclassified	n/a

Audit and Risk Committee – Terms of Reference

1. The Audit and Risk Committee shall support the Council by reviewing the comprehensiveness and reliability of assurances and internal controls in meeting the Council's oversight responsibilities. The Committee is a non-executive committee and has no executive powers except as set out below.
2. The Committee has delegated authority to:
 - a. Monitor the Council's risk management arrangements;
 - b. Approve the internal audit programme; and,
 - c. Advise the Council on the comprehensiveness and reliability of assurances and internal controls, including internal and external audit arrangements, and on the implications of assurances provided in respect of risk and control.
3. The Committee may request the attendance of any employee or member, as set out in paragraph 17 below, and may incur expenditure for the purpose of obtaining advice in terms of paragraph 21 below.
4. The Committee is accountable to the Council. The minutes of each Committee meeting shall be circulated to the Council. The Committee shall report to the Council annually on its work. It may also submit separately to the Council its advice on issues where it considers that the Council should take action. Where the Committee considers there is evidence of *ultra vires* transactions or evidence of improper acts, the Chair of the Committee shall raise the matter at a formal Council meeting.
5. The Committee shall have five members, but may operate with fewer while a vacancy exists, provided the quorum is maintained. The members shall include two Council members, of whom one shall be a lay member and one a registrant member. Neither the President, Vice-Presidents, nor the Treasurer shall be members of the Committee. The members of the Committee who are not Council members (the "external members") shall have appropriate audit and risk management experience.
6. The Council will elect one of the external members serving on the Committee as Chair, based on relevant background and skills. The Committee will elect a Vice-Chair and in the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair will chair the meeting.
7. The Committee shall support the Council by reviewing and advising the Council on the operation and effectiveness of the arrangements which are in place across the whole of the Council's activities that support the achievement of the Council's objectives. In particular, the Committee shall review the adequacy of:

- a. All risk and control related disclosure statements, together with any accompanying internal audit statement, where appropriate, external audit opinion or other appropriate independent assurances, prior to endorsement by the Council;
 - b. The underlying assurance processes that indicate the degree of the achievement of corporate objectives, the effectiveness of the management of principal risks and the appropriateness of the above disclosure statements;
 - c. The policies for ensuring compliance with relevant regulatory, legal, governance and code of conduct requirements; and
 - d. The policies and procedures for all work related to fraud and corruption.
8. In carrying out this work the Committee will primarily utilise the work of internal audit, where appropriate, external audit and other assurance functions. It will also seek reports and assurances from Department Managers as appropriate, concentrating on the over-arching systems of governance, risk management and internal control together with indicators of their effectiveness.
9. In reviewing risk management arrangements, the Committee shall draw attention to areas where:
- a. Risk is being appropriately managed and controls are adequate (no action needed);
 - b. Risk is inadequately controlled (action needed to improve control);
 - c. Risk is over-controlled (resource being wasted which could be diverted to another use); and,
 - d. There is a lack of evidence to support a conclusion (if this concerns areas which are material to the organisation's functions, more audit and/or assurance work will be required).
10. In relation to internal audit, where appropriate, the Committee shall:
- a. Ensure that there is effective internal audit activity that complies with any applicable standards and provides appropriate independent assurance to the Council, Audit and Risk Committee, Secretary and Registrar;
 - b. The internal audit activity will include reviews into RCVS internal processes, policies and procedures. These reviews will be based on identified high risk areas from the Corporate Risk Register and assurance map;
 - c. Ensure that the College makes adequate resource available to internal audit activity, where required;
 - d. Review the need for an internal audit strategy, operational plan and work programme;

- e. Consider the major findings of the internal audit/review work, where carried out, and management's response; and,
 - f. Annually review the effectiveness of internal audit.
11. In relation to external audit, the Committee shall:
- a. Consider the appointment and performance of the external auditor, the audit fee and any questions of resignation or dismissal and make appropriate recommendations to the Council;
 - b. Discuss and agree with the external auditor, before the audit commences, the nature and scope of the audit as set out in the external audit plan and their local evaluation of audit risks;
 - c. Review the work and findings of the external auditor, consider the implications and management's responses to their work; and,
 - d. Review all external audit reports, including agreement of the annual audit letter before submission to the Council and any work undertaken outside the annual audit plan, together with the appropriateness of management responses.
12. The Committee shall review the annual financial statements, focusing particularly on:
- a. Disclosures relevant to the terms of reference of the Committee;
 - b. Changes in, and compliance with, accounting policies and practices;
 - c. Unadjusted mis-statements in the financial statements;
 - d. Major judgmental areas; and,
 - e. Significant adjustments resulting from the audit.
13. The Committee shall ensure that the systems for financial reporting to the Council, including those of budgetary control, are subject to review as to completeness and accuracy of the information provided to the Council.
14. The Committee shall meet not less than three times a year. The external auditors may request a meeting if they consider that one is necessary.
15. Only Committee members shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Committee. The Treasurer, CEO, Secretary and/or Registrar, and Director of Operations shall normally attend meetings. Representatives from the external auditors shall attend meetings as required for relevant items. The President and other Council members may attend meetings at the invitation of, or with the agreement of, the Chair of the Committee.

16. The Committee may request any employee or member to attend a meeting to assist with its discussions on any particular matter or to provide any information it may reasonably require in order to fulfil its remit. All employees and members shall co-operate with any reasonable request made by the Committee.
17. The Committee may ask any or all non-members to withdraw for all or part of a meeting if it so decides. In such an instance, the Chair shall ensure that a proper record is made of the meeting.
18. The senior representatives of external audit shall have free and confidential access to the Chair of the Committee. At least once a year, the Committee shall provide an opportunity to meet privately with the external auditors. College staff will not be present during these confidential meetings.
19. The Committee may investigate any activity within its terms of reference. It may seek any information it requires from any employee and all employees shall co-operate with any request made by the Committee.
20. The Committee may obtain legal or other independent professional advice and secure the attendance of external advisers with relevant experience and expertise if it considers this necessary, within the budget approved by the Council. The CEO and/or Registrar shall ensure that appropriate secretariat support is provided to the Chair and Committee.

Remit relating to accreditation functions of the College

21. The Committee will receive assurances that the quality assurance work undertaken by the College in relation to the accreditation of veterinary degree programmes and veterinary nursing educational institutions is operating in accordance with its published procedures. This process of assurance is also designed to contribute to compliance with the requirements for membership with the European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA) that 'Agencies should have in place processes for internal quality assurance related to defining, assuring and enhancing the quality and integrity of their activities'. This will be achieved by:
 - a. At the beginning of each calendar year, the Committee will be provided with a work plan, detailing the accreditation visitations that are scheduled for the forthcoming year;
 - b. Brief progress reports against this work plan will be provided as a standing item at each meeting of the Committee. These reports will also highlight any major concerns or issues that had arisen as a result of quality assurance activities conducted in the period covered by the report;
 - c. An annual report will be produced at the end of each calendar year. This will be presented to the Committee together with the work plan for the next calendar year. The annual report would be expected to include:
 - o Confirmation that quality assurance activities have been completed in line with the work plan, or reasons for any variation;

- Actions that have been taken or that are planned as a result of discussion by committees;
 - Actions that have been taken or that are planned as a result of feedback from stakeholders (visitors/universities); and,
 - Trends and themes identified in information presented year on year.
22. Findings of the Committee arising from assurances received on the quality assurance activities of the College in relation to veterinary degree programmes and veterinary nursing educational institutions shall also be circulated to the Primary Qualifications Subcommittee (PQSC), Education Committee and the Veterinary Nurses Education Committee.
23. The Committee may choose to invite attendance from representatives of Education Committee and VN Education Committee for the purpose of receiving assurances on quality assurance activities undertaken by those Committees.
24. Where an appointed member of the Audit and Risk Committee is also involved with the education quality assurance activities of the RCVS, they shall not be permitted voting rights on any issues discussed however they may remain present at the meeting for points of clarification.

Summary	
Meeting	Audit and Risk Committee (ARC)
Date	12 May 2026
Title	ARC meeting minutes – 3 February 2026
Summary	Minutes of the ARC meeting held in person on Tuesday, 3 February 2026.
Decisions required	The Committee is asked to approve the unclassified minutes and confidential appendix.
Attachments	Confidential Appendix
Author	Huda Haid Governance Officer h.haid@rcvs.org.uk

Classifications		
Document	Classification¹	Rationales²
Paper	Unclassified	n/a
Appendix	Confidential	1,2,3,4

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Minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee (ARC) meeting held in person at 1 Hardwick Street, EC1R 4RB on 3 February 2026

Members (2025/26 College year):

Dr S R Bescoby*	RCVS Council member
Ms J M Clift^	RCVS Council member & Vice-Chair
Mr K Grewal^	External lay member
Ms N Nicholson^	External lay member
Mr V Olowe	External lay member & Chair

In attendance:

Ms A Belcher^	Director for Advancement of the Professions
Ms C Coaker^	Officer/Secretary to Advancement of the Professions Committee
Dr M M S Gardiner	Treasurer (observer)
Ms H Haid	Governance Officer
Ms S Haider^	CMS Project Manager
Ms L Lockett	CEO
Ms C McCann	Director of Operations
Ms C Paget	Registrar/Director of Legal Services
Mr A Quinn-Byrne^	Governance Manager & Data Protection Officer
Mr A Scanlan^	CRM Project Manager
Ms J Stetzel^	Head of Marketing and Digital Communications
Ms S Tetsola	Head of Finance
Ms K Williams^	Education Quality Improvement Manager
Mr S Wiklund^	Head of Legal Services/Assistant Registrar

*Denotes absence

^Denotes remote attendance

Welcome & apologies for absence

1. The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming the members.
2. Apologies were received from Dr S R Bescoby.
3. The CEO and Registrar/Director of Legal Services left at the end of the 'CRM Project update' agenda item to attend another commitment.

4. The Head of Legal Services/Assistant Registrar was only present for the 'Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) Market Investigation Risk Register' agenda item.
5. The Director for Advancement of the Professions and the Officer/Secretary to Advancement of the Professions Committee were present for the 'Advancement of the Professions Risk Register' agenda item only.
6. The Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Project Manager was present for the 'CRM Project update' agenda item only.
7. The Content Management System (CMS) Project Manager and the Head of Marketing and Digital Communications were present for the 'CMS Project' update agenda item only.
8. The Education Quality Improvement Manager was present for the 'Accreditation methodology action plan', 'Accreditation visitation work plan' and the 'European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA) update' agenda items only.

Declarations of interest

9. There were no declarations to record.

Minutes of the last meeting

10. The Committee approved the minutes of the last meeting, held on 11 November 2025, as an accurate record.

Matters arising

11. The Committee noted progress updates on actions arising from the previous meeting in the action log appended to the minutes.
12. No further matters arising were raised.

CEO update

13. The CEO provided an oral report on current College activity. Unclassified updates included the following:

- a) Disciplinary hearing of former RCVS Council member and current Veterinary Nurses' (VN) Council member: it was reported that the individual had not been found guilty of serious professional misconduct and had resumed their role as a member of VN Council.
- b) University of Cambridge: it was reported that Cambridge remained under conditional accreditation, and that the University General Board was considering a recommendation from the School of Biological Sciences to close the veterinary degree and not the school. The update also highlighted potential implications for prospective and current students, and the wider workforce and reputational context.

14. Further confidential information is contained in paragraph 1 of the classified appendix.

Matters for discussion

Competition and Markets Authority (CMA) Market Investigation Risk Register

15. The Committee received the CMA Market Investigation Risk Register.
16. Further confidential information is contained in paragraphs 2-8 of the classified appendix.

Corporate Risk Register update

17. The Committee considered the current Corporate Risk Register.
18. Further confidential information is contained in paragraphs 9-14 of the classified appendix.

Operational Plan risk assessment

19. The Committee received the Operational Plan risk assessment.
20. Further confidential information is contained in paragraphs 15-18 of the classified appendix.

Advancement of the Professions Risk Register

21. The Committee received the Advancement of the Professions Risk Register.
22. Further confidential information is contained in paragraphs 19-21 of the classified appendix.

Customer Relationship Management (CRM) project update

23. The Committee received an oral update on progress with the CRM system project since the previous meeting.
24. Further confidential information is contained in paragraphs 22-29 of the classified appendix.

Content Management System (CMS) project update

25. The Committee received an update on the CMS redevelopment project since the previous meeting.
26. Further confidential information is contained in paragraphs 30-37 of the classified appendix.

Matters for noting

Data Protection Officer (DPO) report: ICO tracker and information governance compliance

27. The Governance Manager and DPO provided a written report on work underway to strengthen data protection compliance across the College.
28. The Committee also received a partially completed dashboard using the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) accountability tracker. The tracker had been rolled out for organisations to audit their data protection compliance and improve their accountability across the following categories:
 - Leadership and oversight
 - Policies and procedures
 - Training and awareness
 - Information rights
 - Transparency
 - Record of Processing Activities and lawful basis
 - Contracts and data sharing
 - Risks and Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIAs)
 - Records Management and security
 - Breach response and monitoring
29. It was reported that the work would inform an action plan to address gaps identified through the tracker.

Accreditation methodology action plan

30. The Education Quality Improvement Manager introduced the accreditation methodology action plan paper, which described how feedback and observations from accreditation events were being combined, discussed with relevant teams and used to implement process improvements, with monitoring through ongoing feedback and observation.
31. The Committee noted the paper.

Accreditation visitation work plan

32. The Committee received a report confirming accreditation activity completed against the 2025 work plan and the proposed work plan for 2026 from the Education Quality Improvement Manager.

33. During discussion, the Committee members suggested that future reporting should include an explicit statement confirming whether the planned cycle of activity had occurred as set out for assurance.

Action: future reporting on accreditation visitation work plans to include confirmation as to whether the cycle of activity occurred as planned for assurance.

European Association for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (ENQA) update

34. The Committee also received a written update on ENQA-related activity from the Education Quality Improvement Manager.
35. It was noted that the mid-term report had been submitted by the agreed deadline of 30 September 2025, with a positive response received. The Committee also noted that two ENQA panel members were due to visit the College on 17 February 2026 for a progress review, and that a draft agenda had been produced in consultation with the Education and Veterinary Nursing teams, as outlined in paper.

The Education Quality Improvement Manager left the meeting.

ARC succession planning

36. The Committee received the paper on succession planning for ARC, including the process for appointing a new Chair in the summer. The paper was noted.

Any other business (AOB)

37. No further items of business were discussed.

Reflective session

38. The Committee took some time to reflect on how the meeting had gone.

Date of the next meeting

39. The next ARC meeting would be held on Tuesday, 12 May 2026 at 9:30 am, remotely. A joint meeting with the Finance and Resources Committee would follow at 12:30 pm on the same day to consider the Audit Findings Report 2025 and the draft RCVS Annual Report 2025.

Action log

Action	Date
Future reporting on accreditation visitation work plans to include confirmation as to whether cycle of activity occurred as planned for assurance.	Ongoing action starting May 2026.



Meeting	Audit and Risk Committee
Date	12 May 2026
Title	RCVS accreditation visitation work plan for Veterinary Schools and Vet Nursing qualifications
Classification	Unclassified
Summary	<p>This report updates the confirmed RCVS accreditation activities that have been completed in line with the agreed work plan for 2025 and the proposed work plan for 2026.</p> <p>To date, the cycle of activities has remained as presented in February 2026. The updates indicate where panel members have been confirmed, and the status of live accreditation events.</p>
Decisions required	None
Attachments	<p>Updated 2025 work plan with completed actions</p> <p>Updated 2026 work plan of RCVS accreditation events with completed actions</p>
Author	<p>Kirsty Williams Quality Improvement Manager k.williams@rcvs.org.uk / 020 7222 2001</p>

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Paper and attachments	Unclassified	n/a



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Update of the accreditation events that took place in 2025

Key	
	Veterinary
	Veterinary Nursing

Accreditation events completed so far in 2025	Panel members	Current status
Dublin (focussed revisit) February 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Kate Richards - Chair, VPH practitioner • Prof Neerja Muncaster - Small Animal Education - University of Surrey • Prof Malcolm Cobb - Small Animal Education - University of Nottingham • RCVS Staff Member: Ms Claire Holliday 	<p>The report has been checked for factual accuracy by Dublin and has been through PQSC. The report was returned to Dublin on 30th April 2025 for the 2-month consultation period.</p> <p>This was reviewed by PQSC at the meeting in June 2025 and their recommendation will go to Education Committee at the meeting in September 2025.</p>
Harper and Keele (final visit - new school) Joint visit with South African Veterinary Council (SAVC), Australasian Veterinary Boards Council (AVBC), and the Veterinary Council of Ireland (VCI) 12 th – 16 th May 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kate Richards - Chair • Alex Berry • Hannah Fitzsimmonds • Jude Bradbury • Peter Hastie • Alexander Corbishley • Michal Tkcaz • Jenny Weston - AVBC • Anthea Fleming - SAVC • Joe Moffitt - VCI 	<p>The evidence has been reviewed by the panel and the final agenda has been agreed. The panel have agreed who they need to meet and the questions that need asking during the visit.</p> <p>As this is the first full visit for the school, they will have to get a recognition order from the Privy Council once the accreditation event has been concluded. The preparation for this is underway.</p> <p>The External Examiners report was reviewed by Education Committee on 1st July 2025</p> <p>The final report and rubric was reviewed by PQSC on 4th August and a recommendation made for Education Committee was discussed at the meeting on 23rd September 2025.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Linda Prescott-Clements – RCVS Director of Education • Kirsty Williams – RCVS Education Quality Improvement Manager • Claire Holliday – RCVS Senior Education Officer 	The outcome was accreditation for 2 years.
Cambridge (focussed revisit) 8 th – 12 th September 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Kate Cobb – Chair and AVBC rep • Dr Niall Connell – Chair • Dr Hannah Fitzsimmonds • Dr Pred Prokic • Prof. Peter Hastie • Prof. Mark Senior • Dr. Michal Tkcaz – student representative • Paul McDermott - VCI • Dr Linda Prescott-Clements – RCVS representative • Mr Jordan Nicholls – RCVS representative • Ms Kirsty Williams – RCVS observer 	<p>The panel and RCVS team have reviewed the evidence and the agenda for the visit has been set.</p> <p>The factual accuracy check was completed by the vet school in a week</p> <p>An extraordinary PQSC meeting was called for 1st October 2025 to review the report as the timelines for this could be quite sensitive. This should then be ready to be presented to Education Committee at the end of November 2025.</p> <p>The reviewed report was returned to the vet school following the PQSC meeting and they have one month to return the report with their comments (due 20th October 2025). PQSC meet again on 3rd November and will review the comments from the school and make a recommendation on the accreditation decision.</p>
Queensland 7 th – 12 th September 2025	Jenny Hammond	<p>This was a full visit having been last accredited in 2018.</p> <p>The report will be reviewed by PQSC in April</p> <p>May 2026 update – reviewed by PQSC and decision to be ratified by Education Committee on 19th Amy 2026</p>
James Cook 15 th – 17 th September 2025	Rowland Cobbold Jenny Hammond	<p>This was a re-visit following the visit that took place in 2023, and is against the 2015 standards, not the updated 2023 standards.</p> <p>The report was reviewed by PQSC at the meeting on 13th January 2026 and has been returned for their formal response.</p> <p>May 2026 update – reviewed by PQSC and decision to be ratified by Education Committee on 19th Amy 2026</p>

<p>Adelaide 24th – 26th September 2025</p>	<p>Rowland Cobbold Sue Patterson</p>	<p>This was a re-visit following the visit that took place in 2023, and is against the 2015 standards, not the updated 2023 standards. The report was reviewed by PQSC at the meeting on 13th January 2026 and has been returned for their formal response. May 2026 update – reviewed by PQSC and decision to be ratified by Education Committee on 19th Amy 2026</p>
<p>Melbourne 29th September – 1st October 2025</p>	<p>Sue Patterson Mandisa Greene</p>	<p>This was a re-visit following the visit that took place in 2023, and is against the 2015 standards, not the updated 2023 standards. The report was reviewed by PQSC at the meeting on 13th January 2026 and has been returned for their formal response. May 2026 update – reviewed by PQSC and decision to be ratified by Education Committee on 19th Amy 2026</p>
<p>Barcelona 29th September – 3rd October 2025</p>	<p>TBC</p>	<p>No longer taking place as the University are unable to accommodate an RCVS representative as well as the EAEVE panel and an observer from Spain.</p>
<p>RVC November 2025</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prof. Susan Dawson – Chair • Dr Mary Fraser • Dr Inaki Deza-Cruz • Dr Pred Prokie • Dr Alison Prutton • Dr George King • Ms Amani Kabeer-Ali – Student Rep • Kate Stalin • Dr Emma Ormandy • Nimah Hogan – VCI • Rosanne Taylor - AVBC • Mr Jordan Nicholls – RCVS Representative • Ms Hayley Stinchon – RCVS Representative • Ms Kirsty Williams – RCVS Observer 	<p>Following observations of the performance of Pred Prokie as a panel member of the Cambridge event, it was decided to suspend him as a panel member until he received further training. This was carried out in person on 1st October and once he has had the opportunity to engage with more training materials, he will be re-engaged as a panel member later in 2026. Another panel member was recruited to replace him. This is Dr Emma Ormandy who also sits on Education Committee. Although the policy is not to engage panel members who also sit on decision making committees, it was felt that due to the late engagement, combined with the need to balance experience with a number of new panel members, this appointment is necessary and justified.</p>

		<p>The report was reviewed by PQSC at the meeting on 13th January 2026 and has been returned for their formal response.</p> <p>May 2026 update – The final report has been reviewed by PQSC on Tuesday 14th April. The decision needs to be ratified by Education Committee before publication, 19th May 2026</p>
<p>Royal Veterinary College (RVC) To take place 21st – 23rd Jan 2025</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gemma Irwin-Porter - Chair 2. Molly Down – Student representative 3. Nicci Johnson - educator representative 4. Steph Goddard - employer representative 5. Abigayle Gomez - Senior Qualifications Officer 	<p>Awarded accreditation for 5 years (full accreditation) following the VNEC meeting in April.</p>
<p>Central Qualifications (Awarding Organisation) To take place 18th – 20th Feb 2025</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aislin O'Raw - chair 2. Molly Down– student representative 3. Ali Heywood – educator representative 4. Emily De Corte – employer representative 5. Abigayle Gomez - Senior Qualifications Officer 6. Kirsty Williams – Education Quality Improvement Manager 	<p>This is an FE level 3 awarding body, not a degree.</p> <p>Awarded accreditation for 5 years (full accreditation) following the VNEC meeting in April.</p>
<p>University of Chester 18th – 20th March 2025</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sam Double - chair 2. Florrie Sage – student representative 3. Nicci Johnson – educator representative 4. Theona Aristdou – employer representative 5. Abigayle Gomez - Senior Qualifications Officer 6. Jasmine Curtis - RCVS Qualifications Assessor 	<p>Awarded accreditation for one year following the VNEC meeting on 26th June 2025</p>
<p>Vet Skill (Awarding Organisation) 30th April – 2nd May 2025</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emma Anscombe-Skirrow - chair 2. Joshua Sancho – student representative 3. Heather Bush – educator representative 4. Steph Goddard – employer representative 5. Abigayle Gomez - Senior Qualifications Officer 	<p>This is an FE level 3 awarding body, not a degree.</p> <p>Awarded accreditation for five years following the VNEC meeting on 26th June 2025</p>

	6. Jasmine Curtis - RCVS Qualifications Assessor 7. Julie Dugmore – Director of VN	
Writtle – TBC. Possibly late 2025 New programme so no start date confirmed.		Postponed to 2026 as the programme was not yet ready for accreditation
University Centre Grimsby 2 nd – 4 th December 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gemma Irwin-Porter – chair • Lois Shand – student representative • Claire Pullan – educator representative • Heather Blair – employer representative • Abigayle Gomez - Senior Qualifications Officer • Kirsty Williams – Education Quality Improvement Manager • Jasmine Curtis - RCVS Qualifications Assessor 	Agenda has been agreed. Panel have undergone the first review of the evidence. Following the review of the evidence, the panel suggested that the programme was not yet ready for an accreditation. This was presented to the Director of VN and a meeting was held with the senior team at Grimsby to discuss their options. A mutual decision was made to postpone the accreditation until such time as the programme was ready. Advice was provided as to how this could be achieved, including engaging with external advisers and engaging with the wealth of experience available at the university.
Portsmouth – TBC - late 2025 or early 2026		Postponed to 2026 as the programme was not yet ready for accreditation

Accreditation events taking place in 2026

Accreditation events planned for 2026	Panel members	Notes
Edinburgh – Royal (Dick) Vet School – 22 nd – 25 th February 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hannah Fitzsimmonds (Chair) Sue Paterson Kate Cobb 	<p>A focussed revisit following the accreditation in 2022</p> <p>May 2026 - Report is currently with the Vet school for their formal consultation</p>
Aberystwyth/RVC – 19 th April – 1 st May 2026 Final accreditation for a new school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ellie Wingham (Chair) Susan Dawson Kayleigh Cook Niall Connell Sheena Warman Susan Little Kitty Walker-Springett 	<p>As this is the final visit, a recognition order will also be needed once the accreditation visit is completed and the outcome is decided by the committees.</p> <p>This programme is split over two sites – Aberystwyth and RVC at Hawkeshead, Potters Bar. Therefore the visit is planned for a longer period to allow for travel between the two sites.</p>
University of Lancashire – 31 st May 5 th June 2026 Interim 3 year accreditation for a new school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Malcolm Cobb (Chair) Emma Love Inaki Deza-Cruz Paul Wood Ellie Wingham Matthew Tong Michael Tkacz 	<p>This is a new school so they are required to undergo an interim accreditation once the first cohort reaches year 3. An accreditation decision is not made and the report is not published. However, all other stages remain the same.</p>
University Of Sydney – August/September TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alex Berry 	
Cambridge Vet School – October 2026 (exact date to be decided)	May 2026 update – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Katie Cobb (Co-Chair) Niall Connell (Co-Chair) Paul Wood Neerja Muncaster Hannah Fitzsimmonds Peter Hastie 	<p>This follows the committee decision to extend the conditional accreditation for a final year. The accreditation will take place irrespective of the decision made by Cambridge University over the future of the veterinary programme.</p>

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Liverpool Vet School – 3 rd – 6 th November 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alex Berry (Chair) • Kate Cobb • Pred Prokic • Martha Davies – May 2026 update 	A focused revisit following the accreditation in 2023
Wrexham - 10 th – 12 th February 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gemma Irwin-Porter (Chair) • Ellie Nancarrow – student representative • Louise Sutherland – educator representative • Emily De Corte – employer representative • Abigale Gomez - Senior Qualifications Officer • Kirsty Williams – Education quality improvement manager • Sophie Geake – RCVS qualifications assessor 	<p>Panel have started reviewing the evidence.</p> <p>May 2026 update – to be reviewed by VN Education Committee on 21st April 2026</p>
Chester – 17 th – 19 th March 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sam Double (chair) • Joshua Sancho – student representative • Claire Defries – educator representative • Theona Aristidou – employer representative • Abigale Gomez - Senior Qualifications Officer • Jasmine Curtis - RCVS Qualifications Assessor • Julie Dugmore – Director of VN 	May 2026 update - Report is currently with the provider for a factual accuracy check
Writtle University – 14 th – 17 th September 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel TBC 	
University of Portsmouth – 6 th – 8 th October 2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panel TBC 	