

# Veterinary practice premises: temporary change of premises



In light of the enhanced precautions on social distancing we must take as a result of coronavirus (COVID-19), the Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD) has relaxed the enforcement of the Veterinary Medicines Regulations (VMR) to allow the supply of veterinary medicines by veterinary surgeons from a temporary premises when access to the Veterinary Practice Premises (VPP) registered with the RCVS is limited or no longer possible.

Wholesale dealers will be allowed to supply veterinary medicines to veterinary surgeons at such temporary premises.

This decision has immediate effect and will last until 31 August and then cease.

The VMD will not issue an improvement notice if there are breaches of the relevant provisions of Schedule 3 of the VMR during this period. For further information read the [statement from the VMD](#) (PDF, 172KB, 2 pages).

This is a temporary VMD enforcement policy in relation to specific obligations under the VMR only. The VMR continue to apply. The VMD may continue to take action to enforce those obligations in cases where the procedures described in the attached statement are not followed.

The [Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons \(RCVS\)](#) have issued guidance for veterinary professionals on how to continue to undertake veterinary work.

Further information is available on the RCVS website in respect of [Controlled Drugs Guidance](#)

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1. 31 July 2020

Phasing out COVID-19 facilitations

2. 26 June 2020

Date of temporary facilitations changed to 31 July

3. 28 May 2020

Temporary facilitation will last until 30 June when we will review it.

4. 29 April 2020

VPP temporary change of premises – review date now 31 May

5. 16 April 2020

Link added to RCVS guidance for veterinary professionals on how to continue to undertake veterinary work.

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