## VMD's Annual Report & Accounts 2019/20 Published

News story

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## Highlights:

- achieving a 100% overall performance against our published standards
- working with partners we helped achieve a 40% reduction in the use of antibiotics in agriculture to help combat Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR)
- achieving Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) designation as an AMR Reference Centre as part of an initiative with the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas) and the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA). The UK is the first country in the world to achieve this
- successfully completing our readiness project for Brexit including making the necessary legislative changes, giving guidance to stakeholders, updating internal processes, developing new IT services and robust contingency plans
- completing the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation funded review of the regulatory landscape in Sub-Saharan Africa as a basis for further work to improve veterinary medicines regulation capability in the region

• achieving re-certification to international ISO:9001 (Quality Management) and ISO 27001 (Information Security) standards

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