



NVPS

National Veterinary Prescription Service

Farmers Notice:

The National Veterinary Prescription System (NVPS) is going live shortly, and we are happy to say that your Vet has agreed to participate in the initial Pilot. The system is being introduced for a number of reasons which include:

1. assisting Ireland meet its annual EU regulatory requirement to report on antimicrobial usage, which is a critical aspect in the ongoing global fight against anti-microbial resistance
2. the continuance of the competitive market for the supply of veterinary medical products and;
3. the provision of greater choice for the entire farming community on where they can purchase and access veterinary medicines.

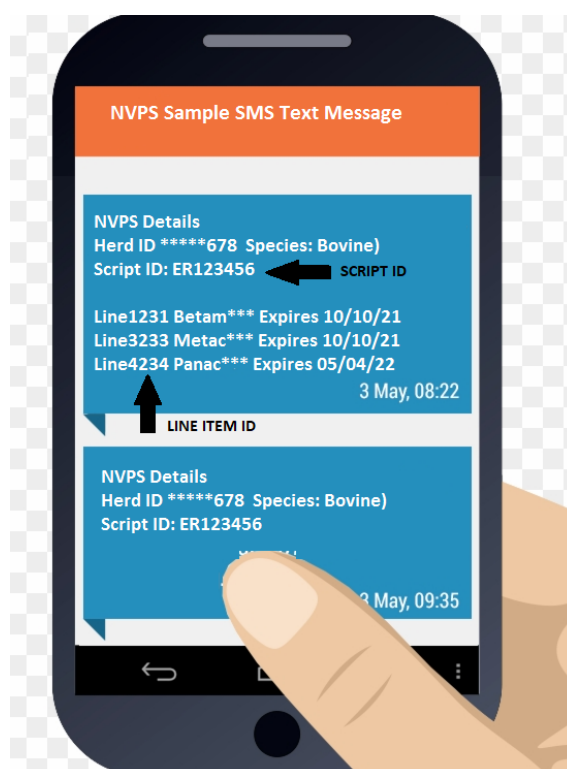
The veterinary practitioners using the system for the Pilot will be pivotal in assisting DAFM identify areas where we can improve our guidance in relation to the overall use of the system and with its practical application.

What will this mean for You – as Animal Keeper

You are receiving this notice because your vet has agreed to participate in the Pilot Scheme and has registered to use the system for an initial short period of time. The only change for you as an Animal Keeper/Farmer is how you might receive your prescriptions for Veterinary Medicine Products.

For animal keepers whose vet creates a prescription on the new NVPS they will not receive the script in paper format. Instead, you will now receive a text (SMS) or email message (Diagram below) with your prescription ID information contained within. Once you receive your text message you can get your script dispensed at any outlet that has registered with the NVPS. To do this you would normally visit any registered dispensing outlet, i.e. Pharmacist or Co/Op – Licensed Merchant and simply present your Prescription Id. The dispenser would then access all the prescription information from the NVPS and dispense your medicines. However, for the initial Pilot, non-veterinary dispensers are not included. Therefore, the system will only record your vets administered and dispensed scripts.

Note: Your vet may continue to issue paper scripts also during the period of the Pilot scheme, if they so wish. These scripts, if not fully dispensed by the vet, may be dispensed as is the current process.



Record Keeping:

If your vet is using the NVPS and you are in receipt of the prescription SMS or email, you will only receive a copy of the 'Dispensed' prescription at the end of the process.

- If you have supplied an email address to the system, you will automatically receive a copy of your final script in your email account
- If you have not provided an email address or there is not one currently on the system, then your vet will be able to either print a downloaded copy for you or they can send it to you to your phone.

What Actions do you need to perform at this stage?

1. To assist your vet in using the system, you will be asked to give your Vet permission to gain access to your herd ID and communication details, principally your name, address, phone number and email address - all of which is currently held on the Department's Corporate Customer System (CCS) on the AgFood system. This information will only be for use in the NVPS to make it easier for your vet to generate your prescriptions. It will not be used or shared outside the NVPS system. The process involves you:
 - a) receiving a text message from the Department requesting permission for your Vet to gain access to the aforementioned data. This is a similar process which is used for other Department systems you might use or avail of such as KT, BPS and TAMS. None of the data or access rights in those systems will be impacted or used in the NVPS.
 - b) replying with a 'Y' or 'N' to give the permission for your vet.

This 'Permission' process will only happen once per vet.

2. To ensure the smooth running of this process we request that you review your phone and email details on the Department's CCS to confirm they are correct.
Please follow link below to do this as it will only take a few moments.

<https://agfood.agriculture.gov.ie/sso-auth-ui-applicant/#/login>

In the event that the address details on our records are incorrect or need to be updated please contact your local Regional Veterinary Office (RVO) or email CCSadmin@agriculture.gov.ie.

If you have any questions, please email us at: nvps@agriculture.gov.ie