



## Antimicrobial stewardship work plan

As at March 2026

### Behaviour change

Action	Who	Status
Undertake research to understand current veterinarian attitudes and behaviours around antimicrobial stewardship and client education	Council staff	Not started
Develop an evidence-based framework for supporting behaviour change around AMS	Council staff, external expertise	Not started

### Standards and enforcement

Action	Who	Status
Review and revise Tech Note 14, incorporating up-to-date evidence to support excellent antimicrobial stewardship in the context of mastitis management	Council staff	Complete
Develop dairy-specific standard on animal/herd health planning	Council staff, PSC	Complete
Work with veterinarians and NZVA special interest branches to develop work plans for discipline specific guidance and standards	Council staff, NZVA SIBs	In progress
Recommend legislative changes to allow better monitoring and enforcement of stewardship standards	Council staff	Ongoing
Explore the potential for pro-active monitoring of compliance under current legislation	Council, staff	Complete

### Coordination

Action	Who	Timing
Work with MPI and NZVA to ensure a consistent approach to antibiotic categorisation within the profession	Council staff	In progress
Publish first annual report on developments in AMR in the NZ health and environment sectors and international developments	Council staff, external expertise	Not started



Develop an evidence based communications model to enable effective and coordinated messaging to end-users (farmers and pet owners) from veterinary bodies, veterinarians, clinics, producers and industry groups. This might include calling on trusted voices for each audience and looking to models that have already achieved success.	Council staff, external expertise	In progress
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## Monitoring and reporting

Action	Who	Timing
Seek input and feedback from the profession on the Strategy and this plan	Council staff	Complete
Develop a repeatable baseline survey on veterinarian attitudes and behaviours around antimicrobial stewardship and client education	Council staff, external expertise	Not started
Support ACVM work on monitoring antimicrobial use and AMR surveillance	Council staff	Ongoing
Establish a reference group which will meet regularly to monitor, review and update this plan and the Strategy	Council staff	Not started