



**Meeting:** Bovine TB Stakeholder Forum's Implementation Working Group (IWG) – Meeting 29.

**Date:** 11 July 2023

**Time:** 11:00 – 13:00

**Location:** Online Meeting.

**Purpose:** The stated purpose of the IWG is to consider the details and modalities for the policies set out in the bTB strategy.

### Attendees

**Chair:** Sean Brady

**Chair of TB Forum:** Michael Cronin

**Organisations:**

Pádraic Fogarty, Irish Wildlife Trust; Des Morrison, Paul Smyth, ICMSA; Hugh Farrell, ICSA; Anna Daly IFA; Ray Doyle, James O'Donnell, ICOS; Joe Patton, Teagasc; Kevin Twomey, Farmer; Liam Brophy, Macra

**Department of Agriculture, Food, and the Marine (DAFM):**

Damien Barrett, Conor O Mahony, Rosanne Greene, James O'Keeffe, David Leahy

**Bovine TB Forum Secretariat:**

Donal Mooney, Anthony Stringer

**Apologies:** Aishling Cronin, David Graham, James Lynch.

### Minutes

Item	Minutes
Introduction by Chair	The Chair welcomed all members to the meeting and thanked everyone for their time and contribution.
Minutes of Last Meeting	Minutes of meeting twenty-eight were agreed. The Chair discussed the action points from the last meeting.
Regional Veterinary Office (RVO) presentation	David Leahy, Senior Veterinary Inspector, Tralee RVO, presented a case study. There was a discussion on wildlife and communicating biosecurity. The Department highlighted it was part of our communication strategy and information on bio security is available on <a href="http://www.bovinetb.ie">www.bovinetb.ie</a> Question and answers followed. Please see circulated presentation.
Disease Trends update	The Department presented current disease trends. Herd incidence and reactor numbers continue to increase. Maps of new restrictions in the last three months (Q1 and Q2) were compared and a map of active restrictions in the last twelve months was also presented. Depopulation, valuations and the recent TB TASA campaign was discussed. Please see circulated presentation.
Communications update	The Department presented an update on communications since the last meeting. The Department thanked all those involved with the

	recent Moorepark open day where the communication focused on wildlife biosecurity. The Chair congratulated the DAFM team on the excellence of their stand at Moorepark. Other communication updates were provided. The next Communications working group will be held on 1 <sup>st</sup> August and will discuss risk mitigation plans.
<b>TB Herd Oversight update</b>	The Department presented an update on oversight of restricted herds. Please see circulated presentation.
<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	No meeting will be held in August. The next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September at 11 AM.

### Action Points

1	DAFM to provide presentation on Wildlife programme (David Quinn)
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