Animal Keepers must know their Herd ID * to inform the Vet when completing a prescription

*Herd Id/Flock Id/EPRN/Fish Id

To assist your Vet in using the system, they will need your permission to gain access to your Herd ID and contact details such as your name, address, phone number and email address from the Department's Corporate Customer Management system (CCM).

How to give permission to your Vet:

- Your Vet will generate a text message seeking permission to access your Herd ID information.
- Reply "DAFM Y" to authorise the vet practice to act on your behalf for the National Veterinary Prescription System (NVPS) using your Herd ID. (Similar to other Department schemes).
- By granting this permission your Herd details will be available to your Vet on the NVPS for ease of generating your veterinary prescriptions.
- This is a once off permission request.

Update your contact details

You can update your phone and email address by logging onto AGFood.ie or check with your Regional Veterinary Office that your contact details (mobile phone number and email address) are up to date on the Department's Corporate Customer Management system (CCM).

The benefit of providing your email address is that you will always have a copy of your **dispensed prescription** sent to you and available at any time. This will meet your prescription record keeping requirements.

If you have not provided an email address, your Vet or dispenser will have to print a copy of your dispensed prescriptions for you.

Contact Us

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FAQs and more detailed information are available at:

www.gov.ie/NVPS

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National Veterinary Prescription System

Information for Animal Keepers

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Information on the NVPS for animal keepers

The National Veterinary Prescription System (NVPS) is a Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) built Veterinary Prescription Application. All administered, dispensed and prescribed veterinary medicinal products including antiparasitics and medicated feed, for food producing animals and all horses, must be recorded on the system.

What will this mean for you, the Animal Keeper?

The main change for you as an Animal Keeper/Farmer is how you receive your prescription. Paper prescriptions will no longer be issued or legally available. You can continue to get your medicines from your Vet and now choose to fill your undispensed prescription at the dispenser of your choice. A new Requesting Antiparasitic Portal will also be available to animal keepers who need an antiparasitic medicine which will be a 'POM' (prescription only medicine).

What is the Requesting Antiparasitic Portal (RAP) system?

The RAP is the portal designed to allow the animal keeper/owner to request prescriptions for antiparasitic medication for their herd from a known vet practice. The animal keeper will open the application by accessing AgFood.ie portal and after logging in, enter their herd number and the species they need a prescription for. The system will prompt the keeper to choose the veterinary practice they want to get the prescription from.

Upon filling in the age/weight and reason for request fields, the keeper will be asked to choose whether they want the chosen vet to prescribe **and** dispense or to prescribe only, if they want to get it dispensed at another location.

How the NVPS works:

1. The keeper receives a summary text message* which will contain a **Prescription ID** for the overall prescription and additional **Line Item ID's** for each individual medicine prescribed.
   **You will only receive an SMS text if your Vet is not dispensing or administering the medicines and you want to get them elsewhere.*

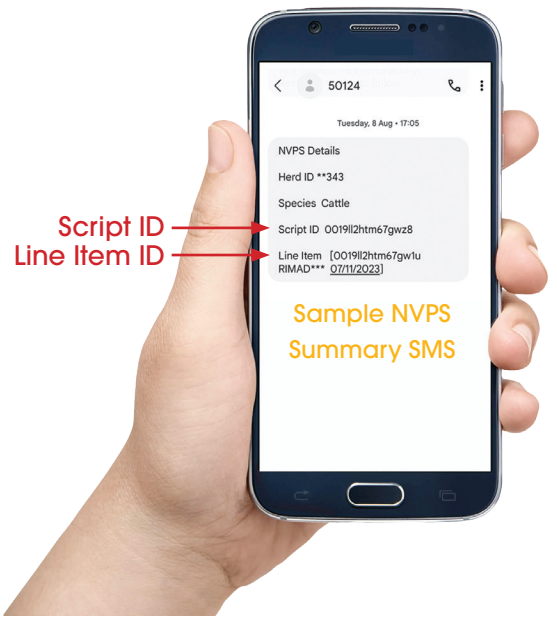
2. Once you receive your text message or email (or both) you can get your prescription dispensed at any outlet that has registered with the NVPS. Simply visit any registered dispensing outlet, such as a Pharmacist or Co-Op/Licensed Merchant and present your **Prescription ID** or **Line Item ID.**

3. Presenting the overall **Prescription ID** allows the dispenser to view the entire prescription details. Presenting the **Line Item ID** allows the dispenser to see only the medicines linked to that Line Item. This provides you with greater control on where you get your individual medicines.

4. Once presented with either the full **Prescription ID** or **Line Item ID**, the dispenser will access the prescription information from the NVPS allowing them to dispense your medicines.

5. These medicines are then marked as 'DISPENSED' on the NVPS and your prescription document.

- You will have to provide your Herd ID, Fish ID, EPRN or Flock ID to the Vet. This is a new legal requirement for every prescription.

- All veterinary prescriptions must also include an animal keeper mobile phone number and/or an email address. You should ensure your Vet has this information available to them.

- For undispensed medicines, you will receive a "Summary text (SMS) prescription" message (image below).
  If your vet administers the medicine, you will not need to receive the SMS text message.