



The Royal College of **Pathologists**

Pathology: the science behind the cure

## **Response from the Royal College of Pathologists to the Scottish Government Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD): Consultation on Phase 5 of the Eradication Scheme**

**The Royal College of Pathologists' written submission**

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## **1 About the Royal College of Pathologists**

1.1 The Royal College of Pathologists (RCPATH) is a professional membership organisation with charitable status. It is committed to setting and maintaining professional standards and to promoting excellence in the teaching and practice of pathology. Pathology is the science at the heart of modern medicine and is involved in 70 per cent of all diagnoses made within the National Health Service. The College aims to advance the science and practice of pathology, to provide public education, to promote research in pathology and to disseminate the results. We have over 10,000 members across 20 specialties working in hospital laboratories, universities and industry worldwide to diagnose, treat and prevent illness.

1.2 The Royal College of Pathologists response reflects comments made by Fellows and members of the College Veterinary Pathology Standing Advisory Committee during the consultation, which ran from 25th August 2017 until the 21st October 2017 and collated Professor Roberto Marcello La Ragione, Chair of the Veterinary Pathology Standing Advisory Committee.

## **2 Response**

2.1 Overall members of the Veterinary Pathology Standing Advisory Committee are supportive of increased testing and harmonisation of control schemes. In the opinion of Professor La Ragione, the chair of the committee there needs to be better collaboration between industry and the farming community, and farms with unknown status should be supported and encouraged to test their herds.