

## Overview

This standard is about developing and managing the implementation of a site Fish Health Plan (FHP), describing the programmes and procedures that promote the maintenance of fish health. It requires that work is completed in accordance with site standard operating procedures.

This standard requires that you collect information to assist the diagnosis of individual fish and groups of fish.

This standard is for those who are responsible for developing and managing the implementation of a site Fish Health Plan (FHP).

## Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. implement procedures to ensure a healthy, safe and secure working environment
2. develop a site **Fish Health Plan (FHP)** to monitor and maintain fish health
3. plan the **resources** required to support the maintenance of the site Fish Health Plan (FHP)
4. develop programmes to maintain fish health and welfare through the maintenance of hygiene and bio-security procedures, environmental conditions and stocking densities in holding units
5. develop **prophylactic** health programmes to maintain the health of fish
6. communicate the needs of the site Fish Health Plan (FHP) to all those involved with its implementation
7. ensure health monitoring activities recognise ill-health and symptoms of abnormality in fish, and collect appropriate information to assist diagnosis of these
8. request veterinarian advice, based on an accurate description of symptoms
9. take immediate action to minimise the potential impact of health emergencies
10. manage the implementation of programmes to monitor and maintain fish health
11. evaluate the effectiveness of the site Fish Health Plan (FHP)
12. manage health records in accordance with legal and site Fish Health Plan (FHP) requirements

## Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. relevant legal and organisational requirements for health, safety and security associated with maintaining fish health programmes
2. legal requirements controlling site Fish Health Plans (FHPs), their contents and function
3. how to establish health monitoring activities to identify healthy fish behaviour and the signs that indicate ill health or abnormality
4. common diseases and causes of ill health in the fish species being farmed
5. the importance of seeking advice when health problems are suspected
6. health treatments and their application in the maintenance of fish health
7. how good husbandry techniques can help to maintain fish health
8. health emergencies and how it is possible to limit their impact on farm stock
9. why it is essential to take immediate action if **notifiable diseases** are suspected
10. how to report notifiable diseases
11. the importance of hygiene and bio-security in maintaining the site Fish Health Plan (FHP)
12. how to evaluate the effectiveness of health programmes
13. legal requirements and site procedures for the management of records of fish health

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## Glossary

**Fish Health Plan (FHP)** – also referred to as Veterinary Health Plan (VHP) and Veterinary Health and Welfare Plan (VHWP)

**notifiable diseases** – fish diseases that need to be notified to the relevant government department

**prophylactic** – preventative treatment e.g. vaccination

**resources** – people, equipment, storage, transport

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