The Animal Medicines Best Practice (AMBP) Programme was developed by NOAH in partnership with stakeholders from across the food supply chain to improve consistency in approach to the responsible use of medicines.

Training materials have been developed to provide farmers and their vets with tools to support the responsible use of antibiotics on farms.

**Who is it for?**

Training materials have been developed for dairy, beef, sheep and pig farmers.

Farmers will be able to complete online training from mid-July 2018. Vets will also be able to deliver training with farmers by accessing materials from a resource centre. This vet resource centre will be available in the coming months.

**How does it work?**

It’s a simple, easily accessible and affordable training platform hosted by Lantra, a leading awarding body for land-based and environmental training courses and qualifications.

**eLearning platform for farmers**

Each sector (Dairy, Beef, Sheep and Pig) has a set of modules, including two core modules and a sector focus module. The core modules cover the fundamentals of antibiotics, AMR and responsible use with a mix of theory and practical applications. The focus modules address key areas of interest with a choice for the beef and dairy sectors. Participants who successfully complete the course will receive a Lantra Certificate of Training. This can be used as a record for Red Tractor assessment.

**Vet resource centre**

This will include a suite of flexible materials, which can be integrated into existing or newly developed training developed by veterinary practices.
The background to AMBP

Education underpins the success of strategies to deliver improved stewardship of antibiotics. A clear demand was identified from stakeholders across the food supply chain to address a lack of consistency and co-ordination in farmer training in this area.

The development of the AMBP Programme has been led by a working group of stakeholders from across the industry including farmers, vets, the Responsible Use of Medicines in Agriculture Alliance (RUMA), the Veterinary Medicines Directorate (VMD), the British Retail Consortium (BRC) and leading academics, to create a robust training programme that reflects current best practice.

The AMBP Programme will raise awareness, knowledge and understanding of AMR and help drive antibiotic best practice in a consistent manner across UK farms. It also supports the important work of RUMA and the Targets Task Force and helps deliver on the UK Five Year AMR Strategy 2013 to 2018 by improving education, training and public engagement.