

# Discussing the Prescription of Parasiticides in your Practice Meeting Template



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Use this template to guide a discussion within your team and create an action plan on how the 4 R's of responsible parasiticide prescribing (Review, Replace, Reduce and Refine) can be applied in your practice.

Supporting documents outlining details of the 4R's and addressing questions that may arise when creating new prescribing protocols are available via Vet Sustain.

<b>1. Review the evidence</b> - raise awareness of concerns and why responsible prescribing is important	
<b>What is the team's current awareness of the environmental concerns surrounding parasiticide treatments?</b>  <b>How do the team feel about these concerns?</b>  <b>Does any supporting information need to be shared with the team?</b>	
<b>2. Review your current prescribing</b> - identify areas where a more targeted approach could be applied	
<b>What products do you stock and use and in what animals?</b>  <b>What Parasites are the team concerned about targeting?</b>  <b>What discussion do team members currently have with owners?</b>	

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<b>3. Revising your prescribing</b> - identify how risk assessment applies to your patients and can <b>replace</b> blanket treatments and <b>reduce</b> overuse of parasiticides.	
<p><b>What parasites do you think your patients are at risk of in your area?</b></p> <p><b>Which patients or households are at higher risk?</b></p> <p><b>Could you offer testing regimes that would help with tailored treatment?</b></p> <p><b>Could you stock alternative products?</b></p> <p><b>How can you discuss this with owners?</b></p> <p><b>What barriers may be encountered if making a change and how do you overcome these?</b></p>	
<b>4. Action Plan-</b> Discuss how will you apply risk assessment to your patients to <b>refine</b> prescribing protocols	

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<p><b>What will change?</b></p> <p><b>How is this going to be implemented?</b></p> <p><b>Is any training needed?</b></p> <p><b>Who is responsible for each point?</b></p>	
<p><b>5. Supporting your decisions</b> -Plan to continually review information and protocols</p>	
<p><b>Do you need to implement any audit or monitoring process for any of these changes?</b></p> <p><b>When will you review this again?</b></p>	