

Act on BTV-3



A **single bite** from a **single infected midge** will reliably transmit BTV-3.

Trying to control midges is futile and will not reduce the risk of BTV-3 transmission.

There is currently no vaccine available for BTV-3 in the UK, so it is crucial that we **ACT**:

Awareness of how BTV-3 is transmitted as a vector-borne disease

Caution against any misinformation - understand the latest facts

Tactics on-farm to help with midge control must be evidence-based



One bite is enough to transmit BTV

No single product stops bluetongue



Airflow matters

Your best natural defence against BTV3



Optimise grazing conditions

Choose proven tactics over products

Bluetongue hotline: **024 7771 0386**

Bluetongue hub: www.ruminanthw.org.uk/bluetongue-virus/

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In England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, bluetongue, including BTV-3, is a notifiable disease, so anyone suspecting the disease **MUST** act and report it to the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) 03000 200 301 or DAERA in NI

Bluetongue does not affect people or food safety, but outbreaks can result in prolonged restrictions on animal movement and trade.

Further information and resources:



For the most up-to-date information, visit the Ruminant Health & Welfare (RH&W) bluetongue hub

For queries relating to bluetongue policy, surveillance testing or licences contact Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) and Defra



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