

Title: PHC2018/08 - Sharing solutions between sectors: what methods are deployed in tackling pests and diseases?

Background: Discussions at the PHC launch event, and between sector leads, indicate some distinctive and different approaches to tackling pests and diseases in Scotland are to be found across sectors and between businesses/units. Some focus on direct interventions (e.g. use of chemicals), whilst others have largely considered indirect interventions (e.g. manipulation of age structures), and understanding of integrated approaches is patchy. There is an opportunity to gather together a guide to the different approaches – which could propose a typology and set of definitions of solutions that could be used by subsequent PHC communications; provide a basis for cross-sectoral dialogue; provide a basic mapping of how the solutions are currently used by sector; and help identify untested combinations of solution and setting which could be developed.

Impact: Improved understanding of concepts and options amongst stakeholder community in Scotland; a basis for gap analysis by PHC.

Objectives and research required for this call: Synthesis of a report / discussion paper from existing material in published and grey literature

Outputs required:

- report / discussion paper suitable for readership of key Scottish stakeholders of PHC – for example, land managers and those involved in plant health policy and practice
- 1-2 page policy summary

Indicative key dates:

- Deadline for notes of interest: 27th September 2018
- Project start: 1st November 2018
- Overview of plans and project start-up meeting with PHC Directorate: by end November 2018
- Completed discussion paper and summary: 28th February 2019
- Meeting with Scottish stakeholders: by 31st March 2019

Milestones to be confirmed by bidder.

Date all work needs to be completed by: 28th February 2019

Project type: Call down - collaborative, Desk study and dialogue with key sector representatives

Maximum funding available (including overheads and VAT, where applicable): Indicative value £12,000