

## Role profile: Northern Ireland Branch Council member

### Purpose of role

To support Northern Ireland Branch Council to:

- Champion the interests of the veterinary profession in Northern Ireland.
- Advise on the consensus view of members in Northern Ireland on Northern Ireland and UK issues.
- Advise the Northern Ireland Branch nominated member of BVA Policy Committee.
- Horizon scan for the hot topics of interest to the profession in Northern Ireland.
- Promote BVA in Northern Ireland.

### Key responsibilities

- Contributing to discussions at meetings and via the online workspace.
- Reading papers in advance of meetings.
- Participating in three Branch Council meetings per year (held remotely) and attending the AGM in Belfast.
- Representing Northern Ireland Branch to stakeholders and at external meetings, in liaison with the secretariat.
- Safeguarding and promoting the values of BVA Northern Ireland and BVA at all times.

### Knowledge, skills, and expertise

Members must be MRCVS, hold current BVA membership, and be resident in Northern Ireland. Across Branch Council we are looking for a mix of experience and expertise, including:

- Committee experience
- Policy development skills and experience
- Strategic thinking
- Evidence gathering and research
- Analysis and evaluation
- Understanding of the current veterinary landscape
- Understanding of political and cultural climate in which BVA seeks to influence policy makers.

### **Equality, diversity and inclusion**

Across Branch Council we strive to ensure a range of expertise, interests, and backgrounds. We recognise and champion the importance of equality, diversity and inclusion and we are committed to ensuring that all members have equal opportunity to contribute to our work, including by making reasonable adjustments where needed to enable committee members to participate fully.

### **Other information**

- Members normally serve for a term of three years and may apply for a second term.
- Members are reimbursed for travel and other expenses in line with our expenses policy.

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