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Prescribing for Sheep

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Introduction

This user guide is your manual to lead you through every aspect of prescribing and dispensing on the National Veterinary Prescription System (NVPS).

As every species has unique prescription requirement elements, there are user guides which cover all aspects of prescribing and dispensing. Also, there are differing aspects and requirements for Veterinary Medicinal Product (VMP) and Medicated Feed (MF) prescriptions. Please ensure you are viewing the correct guide for your needs.

This is the user guide for prescribing veterinary medicinal products for Sheep. This user guide will show you how to complete each screen by describing and indicating how to fill in the required fields.

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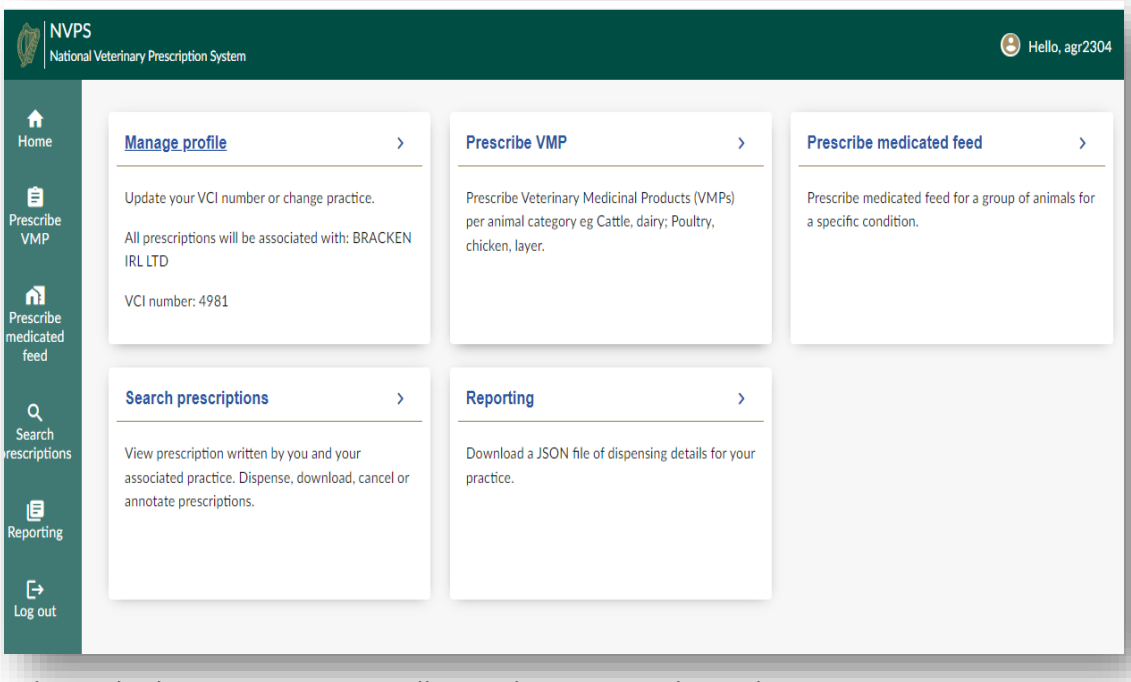
NVPS Home Screen



This is the home screen you will see when you are logged in on NVPS.

The options for you are

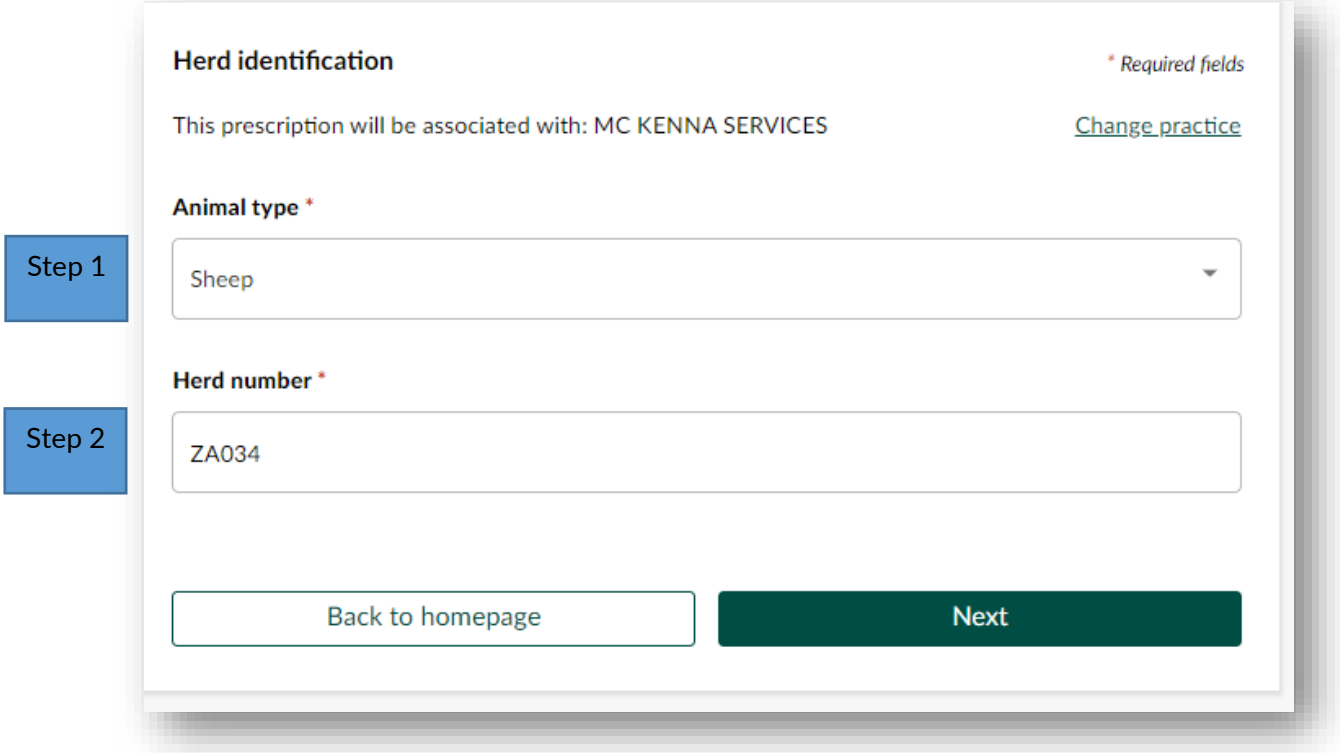
1. Manage profile
2. Prescribe VMP
3. Prescribe Medicated Feed
4. Search Prescriptions
5. Reporting

In this document we are showcasing how a Veterinary Practitioner (Vet) generates a veterinary prescription for Sheep. Therefore, the Vet will select the

- "Prescribe VMP" option in the screen above 2

Screen 1- Herd Identification

This is the first screen you are presented with after selecting ”Prescribe VMP” on the home screen.



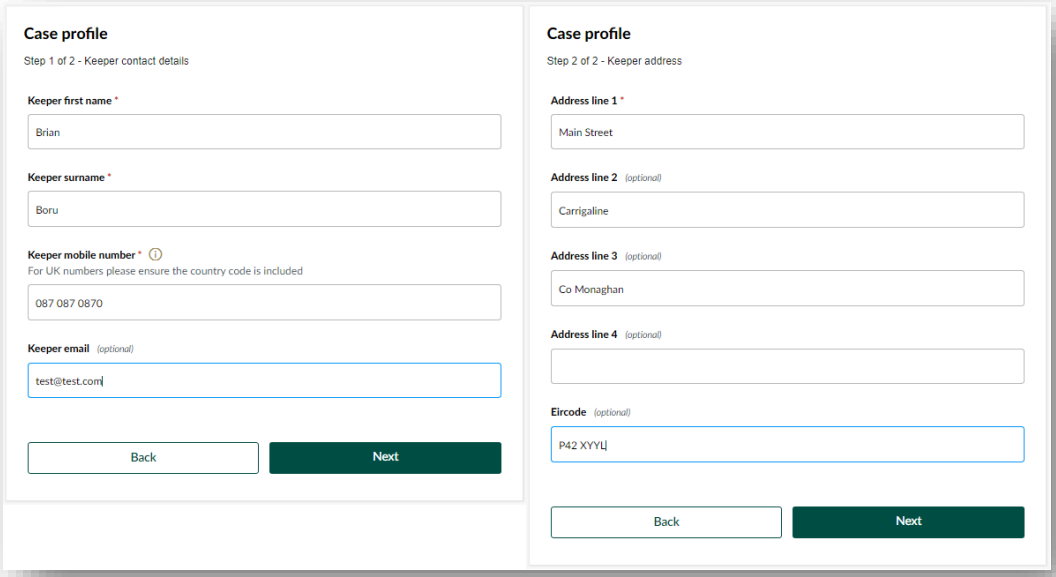
This screen is where you will record the animal type section for the prescription along with recording the known HERD ID, which is a mandatory field.

Step 1 – Select the animal type from the drop-down list.

Step 2 – Enter the Herd number - this is a mandatory field. Each script is written for an individual Animal Type only. Scripts cannot be generated across different Animal Types. If you need to add another script for a different Animal Type for the same Herd ID, you can use the ‘generate a script for same herd id ‘– see page 21.

Screen 2- Case Profile

The Herd ID selected from the previous screen will generate and pre-populate the details of the animal keeper (once you are associated** to your client). The details can be edited on these screens if there is a change to the keeper details.



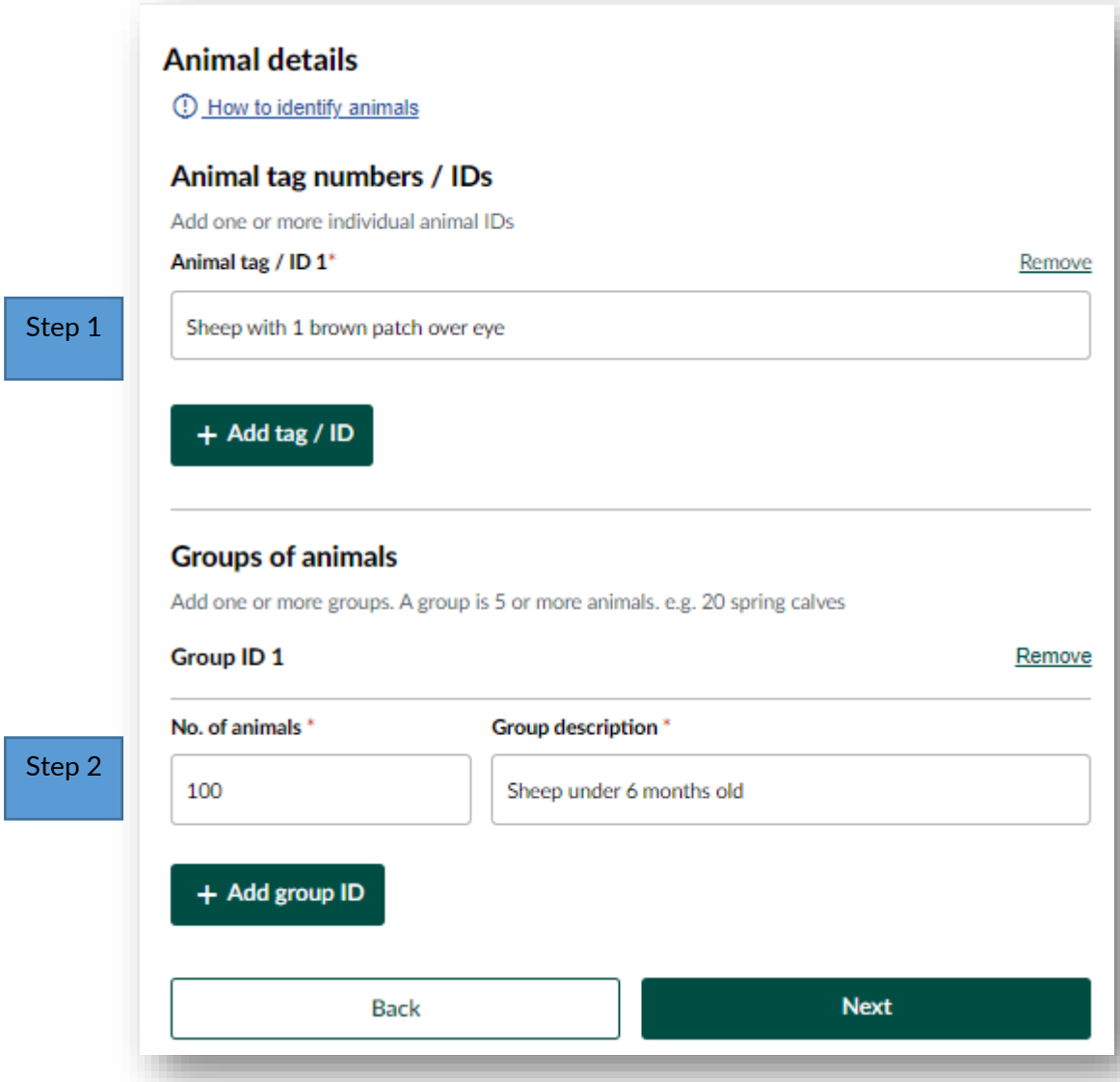
NOTE: Please check the details on the screen are correct

- Check name.
- Check address.
- Check mobile phone - a mobile phone number that can receive the “Prescription Summary” SMS text message with the prescription details must be entered.
- Check email address - Once a validemail address is entered; the keeper will receive a copy of all their dispensed scripts.

If the details do not populate you must enter the name and mobile phone number and the 1st line of the address as the minimum requirements.

**An association is an automated link from client to veterinary practice. This is a process through which your client has given you access to their personal data held by the department. (This is processed via Agfood or contact with NVPS).

Screen 3 - Animal Details

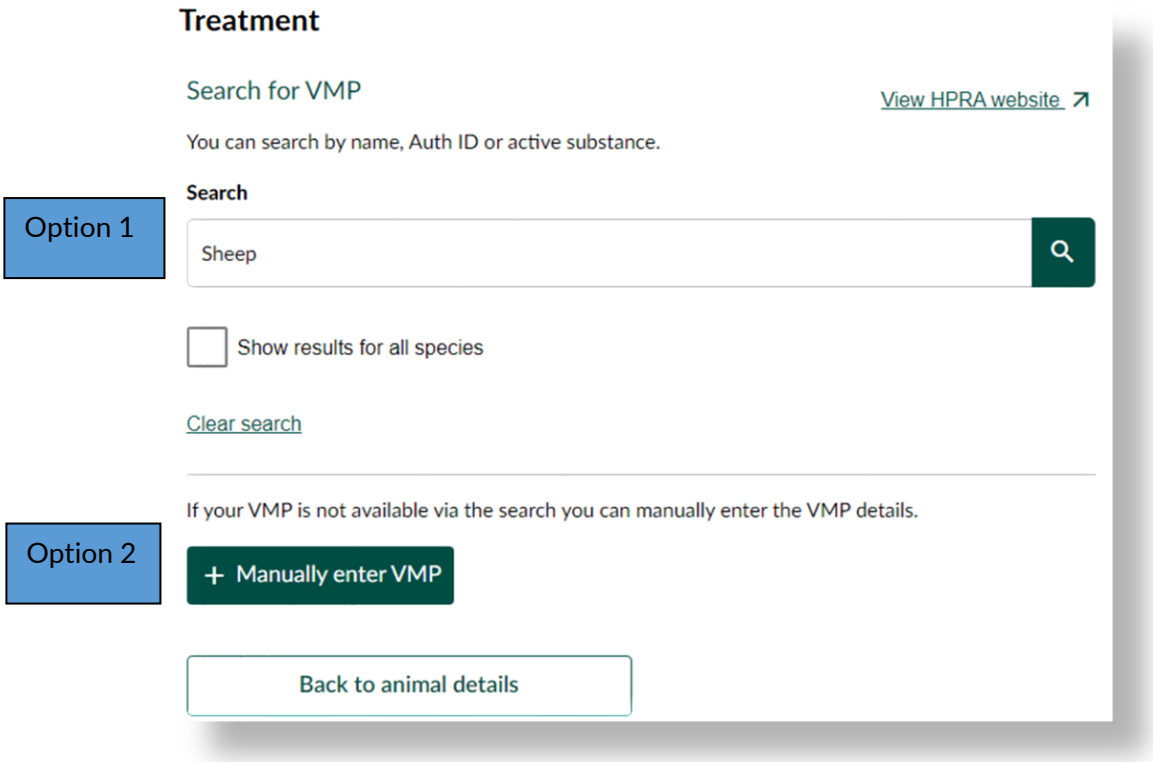


Step 1– If you are treating less than 5 animals, please enter the first animal and then click on **+Add tag / ID** to enter the details of the other sheep being treated.

Step 2 - If you are treating 5 or more sheep, please use the **Group of Animals** feature. In the group of sheep, you must include the total number of sheep being treated and a "**description**" that can easily identify them.

You can add as many animals as necessary. You have the option to add either individual animal ID or Group of animals or both. Click Next

Screen 4 - Veterinary Medicinal Products (VMP) Search



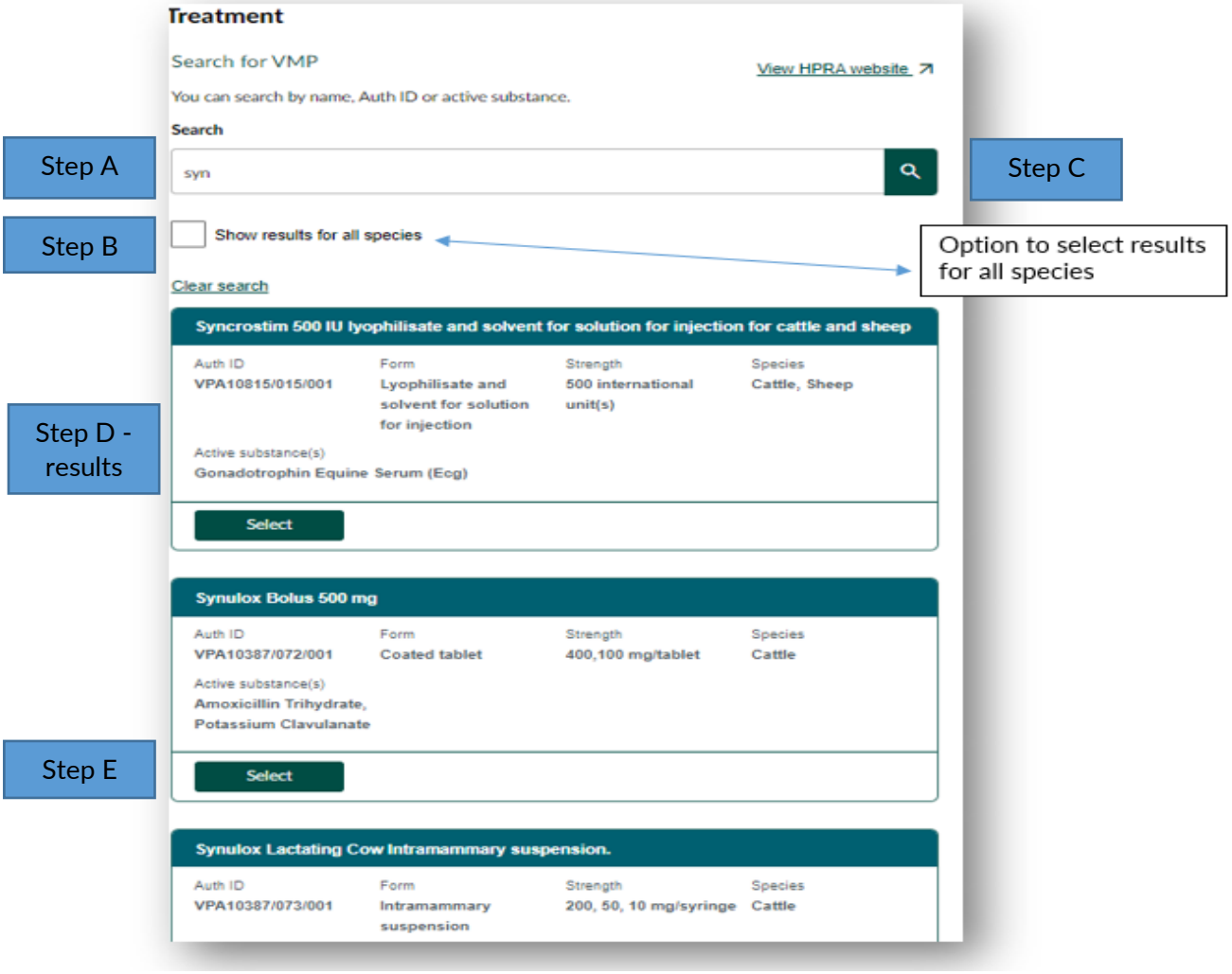
There are two ways to add the VMP.

Option 1: Use the search function. You can search by name, Auth ID or active substance.

Option 2: If your VMP is not available via the search you can manually enter the VMP details.

Screen 4 - Veterinary Medicinal Products (VMP) Search

Option 1: Using the search function.



Step A - Search by either the name of the product / active substance/ species or VPA code you wish to prescribe. *This search will only return medicines for the species you are treating.*

Step B - If you wish to prescribe Cascade (off label) please click on 'Show Results for all Species'.

Step C - Click on the Green Search Icon.

Step D – Results display Vet Medicinal Product (VMP) cards for each VMP meeting your search criteria.

Step E - Once the medicine you are looking for is presented, click the select button on that item.

Screen 4 - Veterinary Medicinal Products (VMP) Search

Option 2: Manually entering the VMP.

Step A

Step B

Step C

Auth ID prefix *

VPA

VPA number *

10477/002/001

i.e. 12345/001/001

Product name *

Amoxicillin

Product formulation *

Suspension for injection

e.g. oral solution, suspension for injection

Is this is an antimicrobial product?*

- ○ Yes
- ◉ No

Step D

Step E

Step F

Please tick if any of the below apply

- ☐ This is a human medicinal product
- ☐ This VMP is an Antiparasitic
- ☐ This VMP is a vaccine

Active Substance 1

Active substance name *

Amoxicillin Trihydrate

Concentration *

500

Unit *

mg

e.g.mg/ml

+ Add another active substance

Cancel

Add VMP

Step A – Select Auth ID prefix (e.g., VPA or EU) and enter authorisation number.

Screen 4 - Veterinary Medicinal Products (VMP) Search

Step B – Enter the product name and formulation.

Step C – Select if it is an antimicrobial product or not.

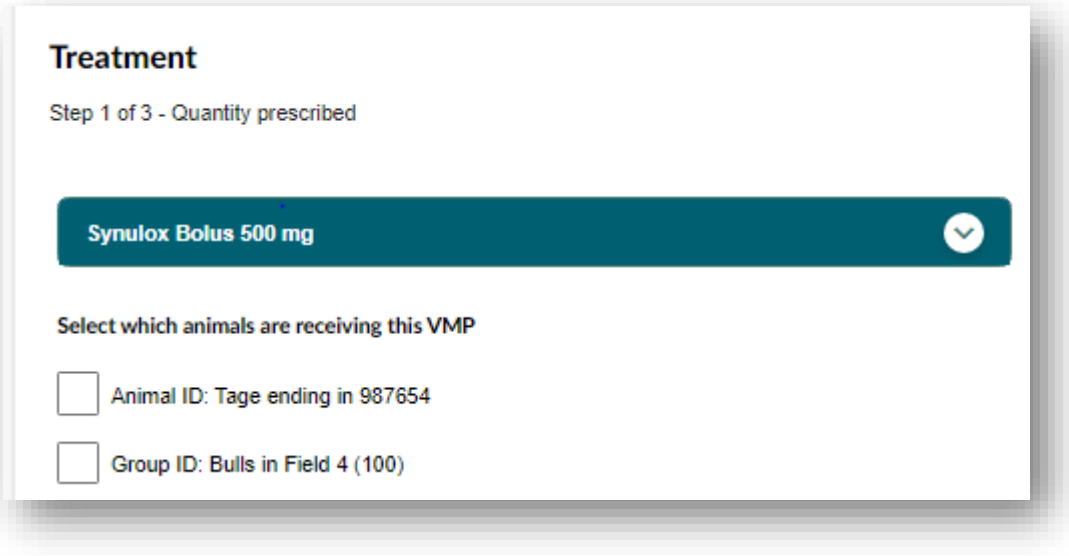
Step D – Tick all options in Step D that apply to the VMP.

Step E – Enter the name of the active substance in the VMP.

Step F – Enter volume and select units of the VMP then click Add VMP button to confirm all details.

Screen 5 - Treatment step 1 of 3

Step 1



Step 2

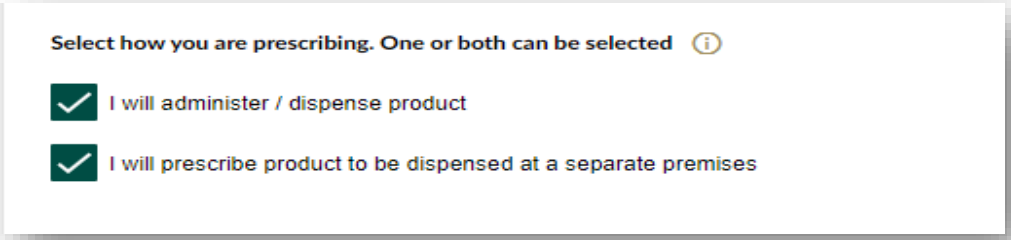
Step 1 - Select the animal or group of animals to receive the treatment you have selected.

Step 2 - Currently we have a dropdown list of several options for you to choose from. Click on the correct unit.

This will be prepopulated in the future based on the medicine card chosen.

Screen 5 - Treatment step 1 of 3 contd.

Step 3



Step 3 - We will now select our method of prescribing.
There are 2 Options:

Option 1: - "I will administer / dispense product".

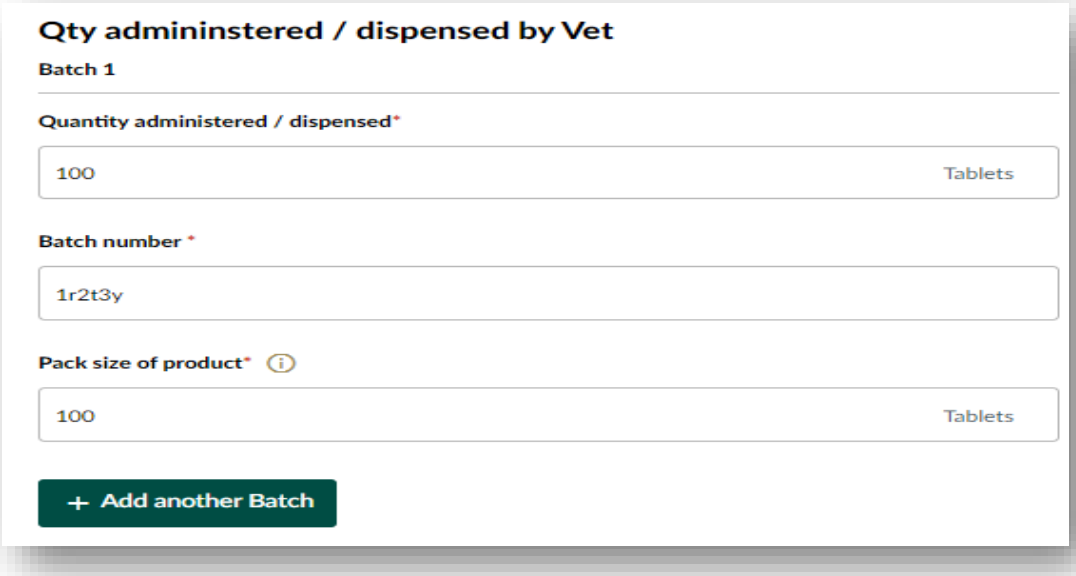
This is the total amount of product either administered or dispensed by the vet, for all animals selected who are receiving this VMP.

Example: Vet injects 30mls of a 100ml bottle of VMP and leaves the rest of the bottle to be administered by the farmer over the course of 2 days. Vet fills 100mls into the administered / dispensed quantity i.e., the entire quantity prescribed.

Step 1

Step 2

Step 3



Step 1 - Enter the full amount.

Step 2 – Enter the batch number of medicines being used.

Step 3- Enter the pack size (this will be removed in future updates).

Screen 5 - Treatment step 1 of 3 contd.

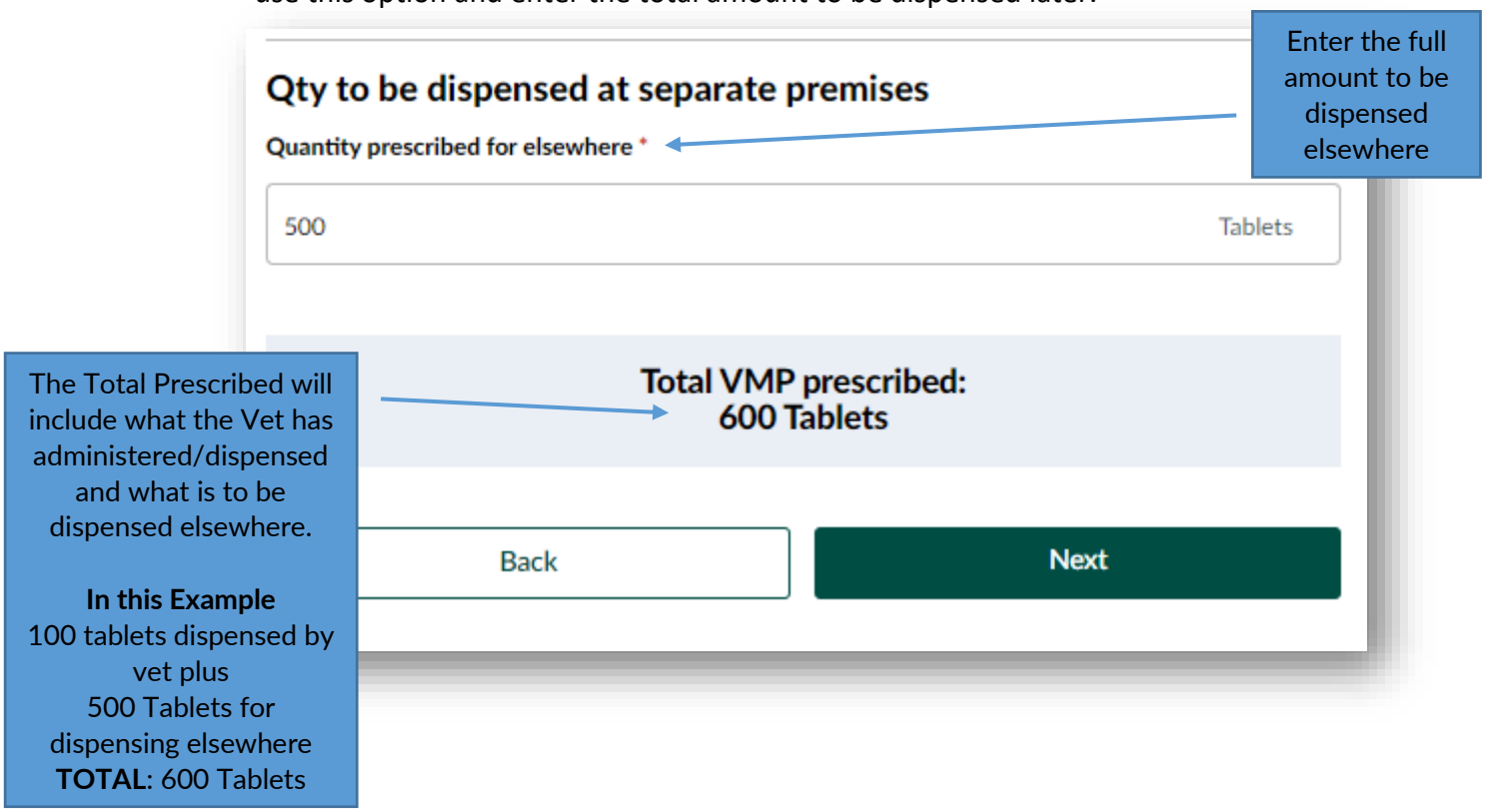
Option 2: - "I will prescribe product to be dispensed at a separate premises."

This is where the vet writes a prescription where some or all the medication is to be dispensed at a separate premises other than the Vets Practice. The prescription can be presented to any authorised dispensing retailer.

Example 1: The keeper wants a prescription for a medicine e.g., antiparasitic, which they would like to have dispensed from an authorised retailer of their choice.

Example 2: Vet has administered / dispensed some product but does not have enough to meet the keeper's requirements. In this case both boxes would be ticked, and the corresponding quantities filled in. The quantities will be totalled, and a prescription will be generated with the amount given already recorded as dispensed. The keeper will be sent a notification of the balance, via a SMS Prescription Summary text message, which can then be dispensed at an authorised retailer.

If you are prescribing for dispensing at a later stage or from another dispenser, please use this option and enter the total amount to be dispensed later.



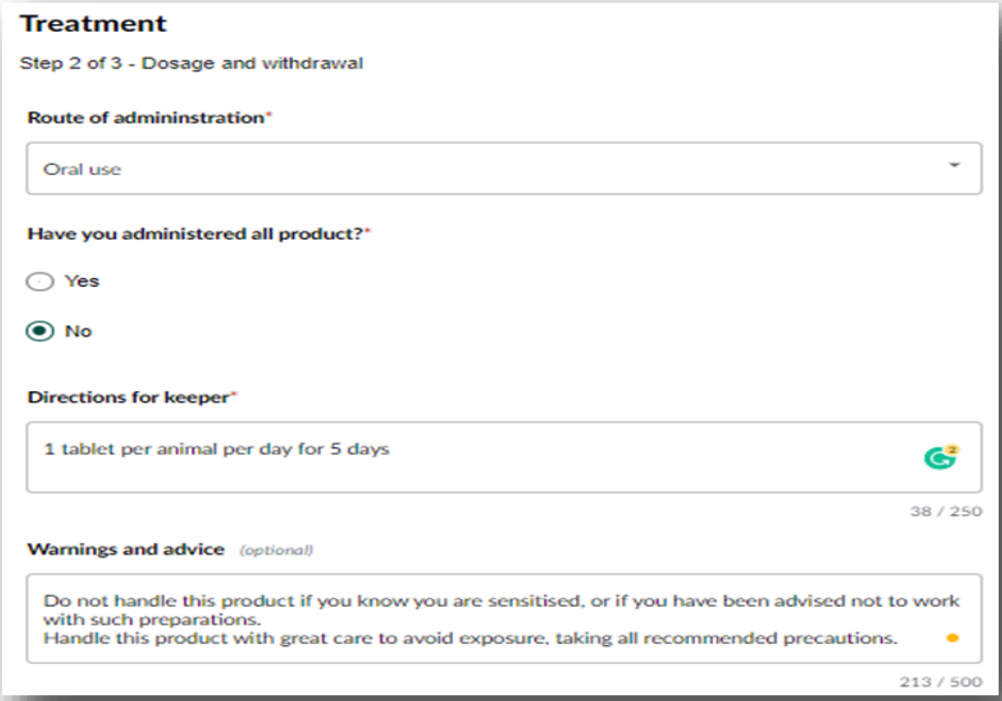
Screen 6 - Treatment step 2 of 3

Step 1

Step 2

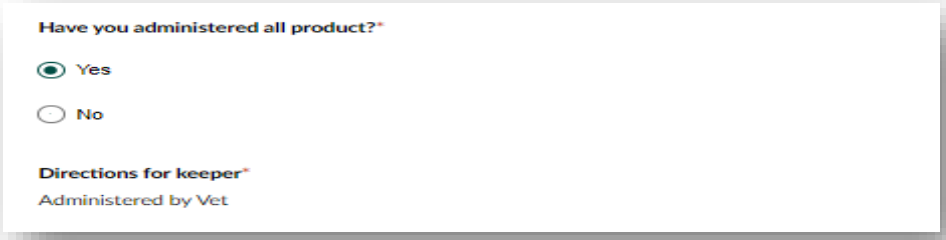
Step 3

Step 4



Step 1 - Here you are required to complete the route of administration. This should be auto filled but will also include an option for "other". If you choose 'Other' then you will be presented with an option for you to record the exact details.

Step 2 - You can state if you have administered all the medicine by selecting the **'YES'** radio button - this will auto fill the "Directions for keeper." field The below screen shows the auto filled directions if you have administered all the product and are not leaving any behind.



Step 3 - If you have not administered all the product, then you select the '**NO'** radio button and you must write in the directions for the keeper.

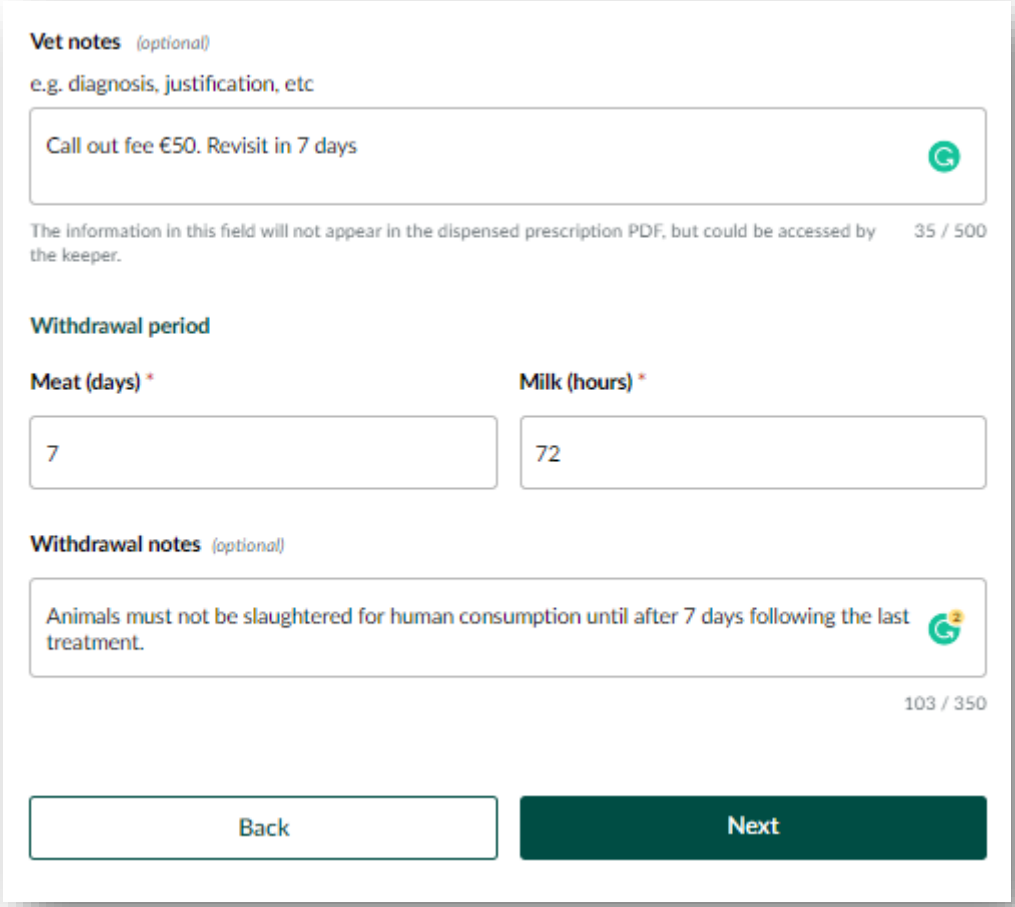
Step 4 - Warnings and advice are optional.

Screen 6 - Treatment step 2 of 3 contd.

Step 5

Step 6

Step 7

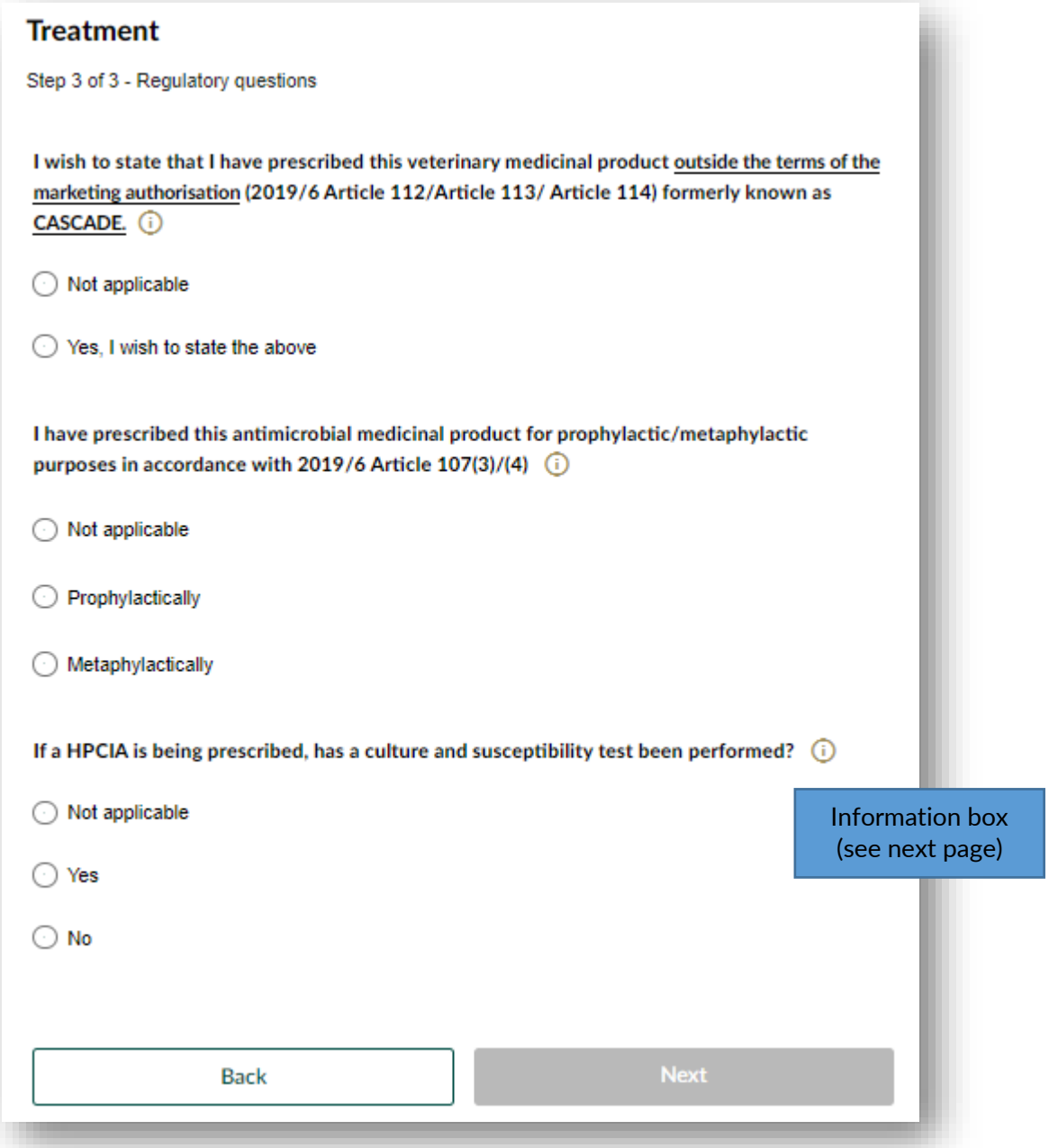


Step 5 - Vet notes are optional and are not visible on the dispensed prescriptions. You may wish to record visit to the farm holding details or any diagnosis assumptions/details.

Step 6 - Withdrawals are due to be prepopulated for you, but you should always ensure the latest SPC details are listed. You can edit these prepopulated details.

Step 7- Withdrawal notes are optional and can include additional notes from the SPC that are relevant to the treatment.

Screen 7 - Treatment step 3 of 3



These questions are required as stated in new regulations. Only relevant questions that apply to the drug you are prescribing will appear. See details on the information box on next page.

Select the answer that applies to each question that appears.

Information box – details on regulations
Article 112/ Article 113/ Article 114 of Regulation (EU) 2019/6X

These articles refer to the use of medicinal products outside the terms of the marketing authorisation. Such use was previously covered under the 'CASCADE'.

Article 112 relates to non-food-producing animal species

Article 113 relates to food-producing terrestrial animal species

Article 114 relates to food-producing aquatic species

Article 107 (3)/ (4) of Regulation (EU) 2019/6X

3) Antimicrobial medicinal products shall not be used for prophylaxis[1] other than in exceptional cases, for the administration to an individual animal or a restricted number of animals when the risk of an infection or of an infectious disease is very high and the consequences are likely to be severe. In such cases, the use of antibiotic medicinal products for prophylaxis shall be limited to the administration to an individual animal only, under the conditions laid down in the first subparagraph[3]

(4) Antimicrobial medicinal products shall be used for metaphylaxis[2] only when the risk of spread of an infection or of an infectious disease in the group of animals is high and where no other appropriate alternatives are available.

[1]'Prophylaxis' means the administration of a medicinal product to an animal or group of animals before clinical signs of a disease, to prevent the occurrence of disease or infection.

[2]'Metaphylaxis' means the administration of a medicinal product to a group of animals after a diagnosis of clinical disease in part of the group has been established, with the aim of treating the clinically sick animals and controlling the spread of the disease to animals in close contact and at risk and which may already be subclinically infected.

Highest Priority Critically Important Antimicrobials (HPCIA)X

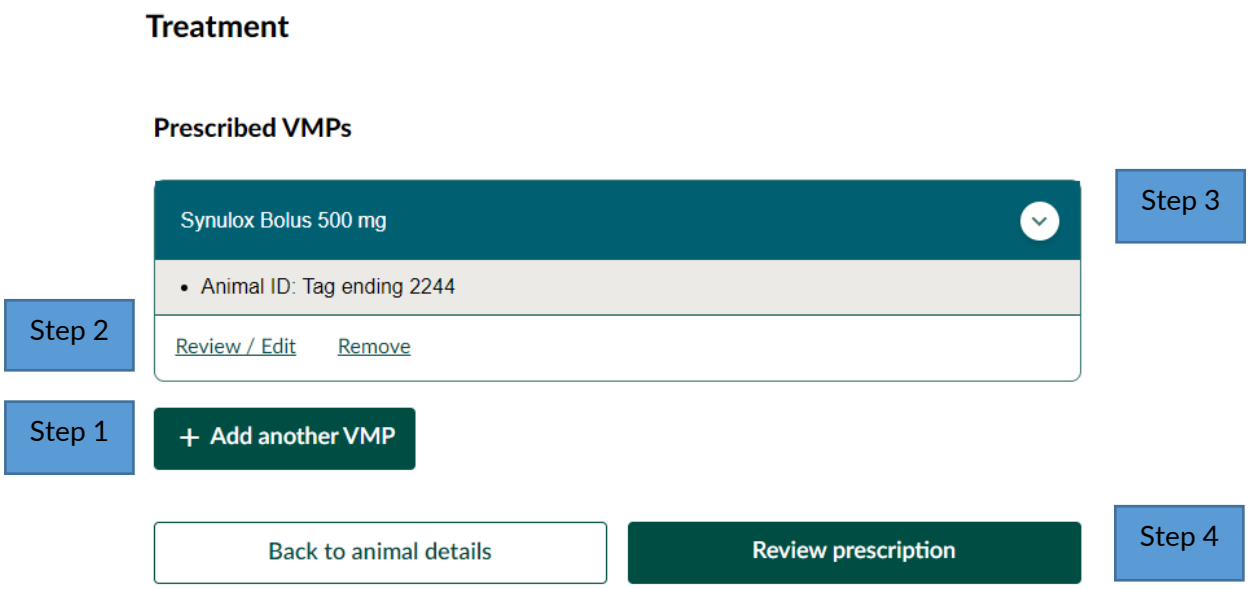
Given the importance of HPCIAs in human health, these antimicrobials should NOT be used prophylactically or as first line of treatment in animals. They should only be used when there are no effective alternative antimicrobials available for the treatment of respective target species and indication.

Category 1: should not be used prophylactically and includes **macrolides**.

Category 2: use is only acceptable provided those specific restrictions are placed on their use. This category includes **fluoroquinolones, 3rd and 4th generation cephalosporins and colistin**.

Category 3: includes **carbapenems and other penems**, which are not approved for use in animals and should not be prescribed for or administered to animals.

Screen 8 - Additional Treatment



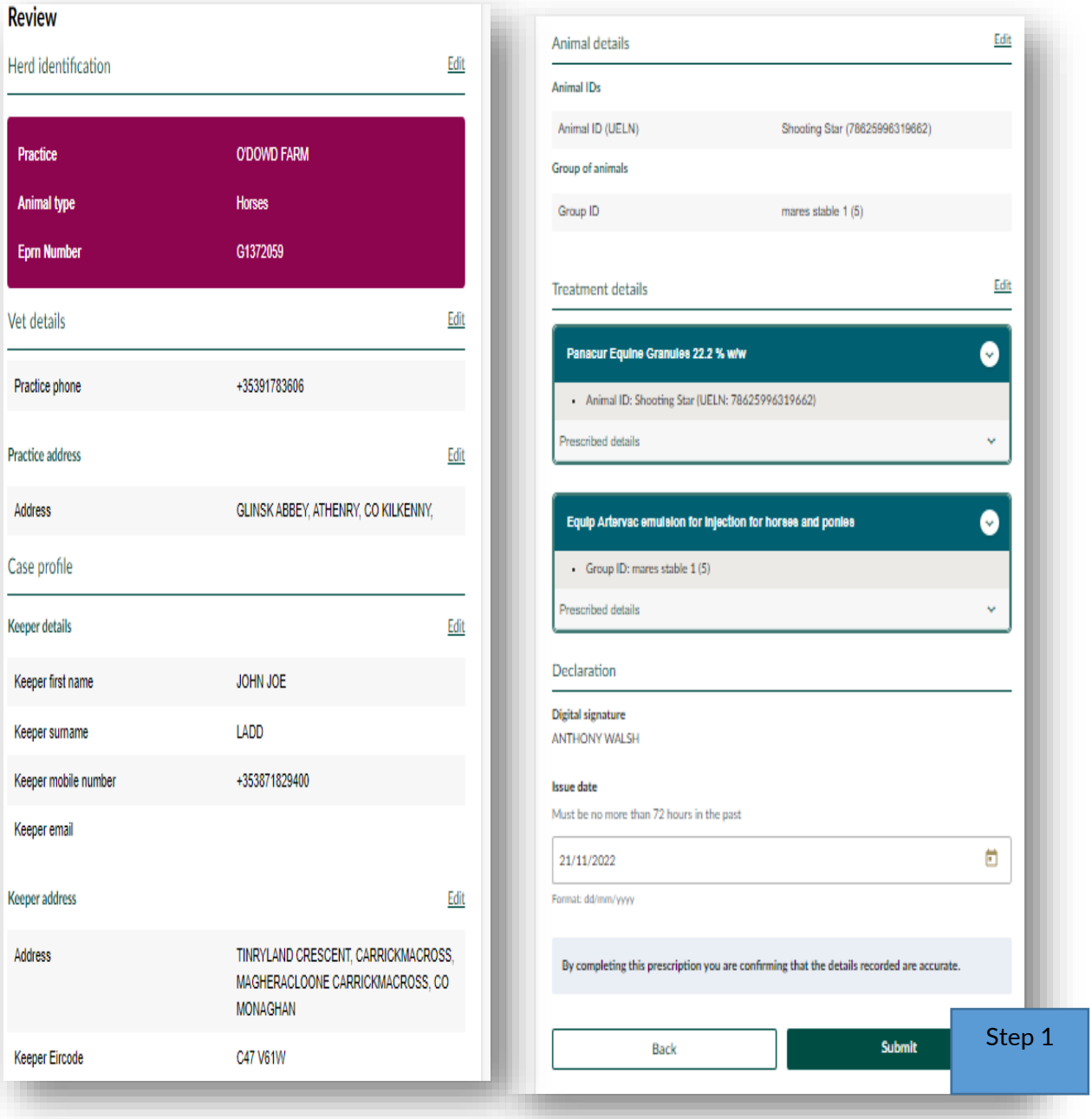
Step 1 - Once you have selected your veterinary medicine, you have an option to include other treatments. Simply select the **"+ Add Another VMP**" button.

Step 2- You may change, edit or remove any VMP if required.

Step 3 – Clicking the dropdown in the Treatment Card allows you see what is included in the Treatment.

Step 4: - If there are no changes to be made, Click Review prescription.

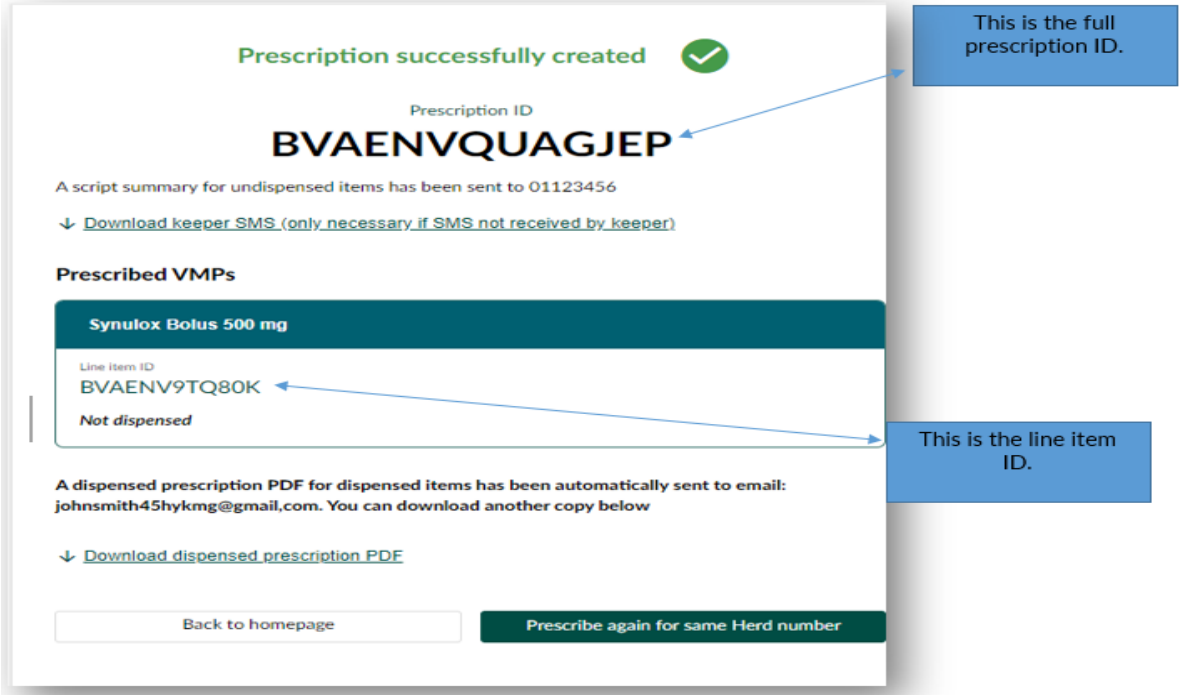
Screen 9 - Prescribing Review



Step 1 - In this review section you can edit any necessary changes. Once you are satisfied all the prescription details are correct Click Submit.

Note: once you submit the script no additions or deletions can be made however you can cancel the full script once it is undispensed.

Screen 10 - Prescription Confirmation



This screen provides a lot of information:

- The keeper will receive a Prescription Summary SMS based on the information just entered to allow to present the Prescription or Line ID to their chosen dispenser(s) to have the script fulfilled if you (the vet) are not dispensing / administering the product(s) at that time.
- The prescription ID when presented to a dispenser will show all products on the script.
- A Keeper can choose to present only the line-item ID to the dispenser. Only the medicines prescribed under that Line will be available to the dispenser. This is to give the Keeper flexibility on where they choose to get their individual products from.
- If you have administered and/or dispensed some parts of the prescription, then a Dispensed Prescription Summary PDF document will automatically download to your device.
- If the keeper's email address was included in their details correctly; the dispensed pdf will also be emailed to the keeper for their own records.
- Should the keeper have no email address, you can use the downloaded file and print a copy for their records.