Questions to ask your PPCs during canvassing, at a local event or hustings

Please choose any one of the following questions to ask your local candidate to commit to in the next Parliament.

1. Each year around 50% of vets registering to practise in the UK are from overseas, with the vast majority coming from the EU. In the food safety and hygiene alone, some estimates suggest 95% of vets graduated overseas. In the next Government, will you ask the Prime Minister to guarantee working rights for non-British EU vets and veterinary nurses currently working and studying in the UK, and for British vets and VNs working in the EU, at the existing level, with no time limit, to ensure the need for vital veterinary services can be met?

2. Does your party commit to maintaining current animal health and welfare standards and prioritising them in all trade negotiations?

3. To avoid the confusion and the opportunity for fraud that is associated with multiple parallel standards, will you ensure the next Government commits to maintaining a single standard for meat produced for both domestic and export markets based on current standards of food hygiene legislation and enforcement, including veterinary certification and controls?

4. Will your party guarantee the UK veterinary profession ongoing access to all existing veterinary medicines licensed through the EU regulatory systems - whilst continuing to play a leading role in tackling antimicrobial resistance internationally?

5. Will the public money that replaces the current Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) be used to support and incentivise public goods, including animal health and welfare, disease surveillance, biodiversity and environmental stewardship?
6. A 2015 report commissioned by the Department for Business, Education and Skills found that research and development income for veterinary science totalled £55 million a year. If your party becomes the next Government, will they develop a regulatory and legislative framework to ensure the UK continues to be a globally attractive place for R&D and ensure reciprocal surveillance data sharing with Europe to detect new and emerging diseases?