



**NIVA**  
North of Ireland Veterinary Association

Seamus O'Kane and Alan Gordon, Vice-Presidents of NIVA,  
cordially invite you to attend the

## **NIVA AGM**

to be held in

**The White River House Hotel, Toomebridge**

**Thursday 15th February 2018**



Guest speaker:

**Kirsten Dunbar**

with a talk entitled

## **The Food Standards Agency - what's it all about?**

**...and what on earth is a vet doing there?**

Following studies at Glasgow Vet School, Kirsten's early years in practice were varied with spells in both equine and small animal practice. She joined DAERA (or DANI as it was known then) in 1992 where her duties have included inspecting riding schools, teaching on the equine courses at Enniskillen, working in red meat abattoirs, working on identification, registration and movement and finally as acting DVO, Zoonoses.

The opportunity came up to be seconded to the newly formed Food Standards Agency (FSA) in 2000. Kirsten moved permanently from the Department to the FSA in 2003 and she now heads up a couple of teams, one of which looks after DAERA and the work they do on FSA's behalf and the other which liaises with District Councils.

Her other key role is as the lead for the FSA NI on EU Exit.

### **Everyone is welcome to the main presentation!**

This includes spouses, partners and family members.

Please register your intention to attend by e-mailing [info@vetni.co.uk](mailto:info@vetni.co.uk) or tel. 028 25898543

**Please note anticipated timings, including those for the BVA NI Branch AGM:**

- 7.00pm BVA NI Branch AGM (BVA members only)
- 7.30pm Refreshments
- 7.45pm NIVA AGM (NIVA members only)
- 8.30pm Kirsten Dunbar's presentation (open to all vets and guests)

**Registration fee for Kirsten's presentation (for anyone who is neither a NIVA nor a BVA member) - £30**

Forms for nominating new NIVA Council members/Officers are available at [www.vetni.co.uk/NIVA](http://www.vetni.co.uk/NIVA) or can be posted out to you on request by phoning 028 25898543