

# Taskforce on Winter Grazing

**Outcome:** All farmers meeting animal welfare good practice.

**Objective:** Propose mitigations for short, medium and long-term, evidence-based animal welfare improvement to support behaviour change so that all farmers comply with animal welfare requirements.

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## Approach

- Small core group, with a direct focus on action
- Wider consultation / hearing views of others to draw on wider advice and expertise to inform and challenge task force's thinking
- Members bringing own experience, not expected to represent a sector

## Priority actions

- Process map winter crop feeding and winter grazing: who does what?
- Stocktake: what's already happening?
- Understand barriers to good practice: why isn't good practice happening?
- Identify mitigations: policy, education/training, operational, research

## Example mitigations

- Animal welfare indicators for good welfare
- Early intervention to avoid later breaches: proactive education & compliance
- Get the right info to the right place
- Identify mitigations: policy, education/training, operational, research

## Timeline

