**FROM: PAUL McKINNEY Ref: I/C 28/25**

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**TO: INTERCHANGE PARTNERS (non-NICS organisations)**

# Secondment Opportunity with

**Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural affairs (DAERA)**

**Veterinary Service Animal Health Group (VSAHG)**

**HIGHER Scientific Officer**

1. I have attached an Interchange Hosting Proforma outlining the details of the above opportunity and ask that you consider bringing it to the attention of staff in your organisation who would be eligible to apply. Full details are also available on the Interchange Website.

Eligibility

1. This opportunity is aimed at individuals at middle management level who have the relevant skills and experience to undertake the duties outlined.

Salary

1. DAERA will meet the salary costs and associated allowances for the role and the salary will be within the NICS Staff Officer grade range of £37,694 - £38,990.

Duration

1. Secondment – two years, with the possibility of an extension, subject to agreement of all parties.
2. Location

The successful candidate will be based at Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Limavady, BT49 9HR, with hybrid working arrangements available.

 Travel

The successful candidate should have a full driving license and access to a form of transport.

Authorisation

1. All applications **must** be accompanied by authorisation from both your Line Manager **and** Interchange Manager, and confirmation that your parent organisation is willing to release you if successful.

How to apply (process for **non**-NI Civil Service organisations)

1. Interested staff should complete a candidate proforma, available at [www.interchangeni.org.uk](http://www.interchangeni.org.uk) and return it to the Interchange Secretariat by email at: interchangesecretariat@finance-ni.gov.uk by **5.00pm on Friday 20 June 2025;** otherwise I will assume a nil return.

GDPR

1. Your information will be held and managed in accordance with the Data Protection Act/GDPR policies and procedures, including those relating to retention and disposal will be applied; the information will be used only for the purposes of this secondment, and will only be shared with any relevant third parties only with the explicit permission and assurance of NICSHR.

Further Information

1. Please contact Shane Collins on Tel: 028 3752 9091 or by email at: shane.collins@daera-ni.gov.uk.

**Paul McKinney**

**Interchange Secretariat**