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**BANFF & BUCHAN MONITOR FARM
Planned Sheep Autopsies**

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PLANNED SHEEP AUTOPSIES

Monitor Farm Scotland is supporting the Banff & Buchan Monitor Farm to conduct **Sheep Autopsy Health Screening**.

Screening can form part of an ongoing investigation into adult mortality or poor ewe performance in a flock.

High adult mortality may have caused concerns about 'iceberg diseases'; in particular (OPA, JD, MV and CLA)*

A cull ewe screen will further the understanding of a flock's health status.

COSTS

A batch submission of up to **4 sheep costs £108.30, plus disposal costs of £14.60 per sheep.**

The cost includes:

- Euthanasia
- The postmortem examination
- All diagnostics testing related to the case.

Funding support

As part of Scottish Government's 'Preparing for Sustainable Farming' initiative, farmers can claim **£250 per intervention** for undertaking up to two animal health interventions in 2023.

One of these interventions is to investigate '**Iceberg Diseases**' status in a flock, and cull ewe postmortems can form part of this.

Blood testing up to 12 thin ewes (in addition to the post-mortem screen) can improve results (an additional fee applies).

Your vet practice may also charge for interpretation.

Claim details can be found under **Animal Health and Welfare Interventions at [Preparing for Sustainable Farming full guidance \(ruralpayments.org\)](https://www.ruralpayments.org)**

*Ovine pulmonary adenocarcinoma (OPA); Johne's disease (JD); Caseous Lymphadenitis (CLA); Maedi Visna (MV)

CASE SELECTION

Case selection is really important to get the most benefit from the screen.

You or your shepherd should select sheep which have:

- **no obvious teeth or lameness issues**
- **and are thin despite good nutrition being available and**
- **have no other physical explanation for their poor body condition.**

Please remember that all sheep should be fit to transport, and if in any doubt, on farm euthanasia should be carried out prior to submission.

SRUC are looking to do this screen by prior arrangement.

Call 0131 5353130,

or email

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to arrange a day and time to bring your sheep in.



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