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**We recommend using Plan-Prevent-Protect**

**Plan ahead**

* Get a diagnosis (use your vet)
* Do a farm-specific risk assessment
* Use the Five Point Plan

**Prevent disease**

* Avoid the spread of disease
* Avoid buying in CODD or new strain of footrot
  + Quarantine
* Remove risk from clinical cases
  + Treat them quickly
  + Cull when necessary

**Protect the flock**

* Breed in lameness-resilience
* Cull out persistently lame sheep
* Vaccinate!

# **The Five Point Plan**

Diagram

Description automatically generated

* **Avoid spread of infection**
* **Treat individuals quickly and effectively**
* **Quarantine bought-in sheep**
* **Cull out persistent offenders**
* **Vaccinate to protect against foot rot**

With acknowledgements to FAI Farms for the development of the Five Point Plan

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| **Avoid- Action** | **Score** |
| Do you use clean concrete in handling areas and lime/gravel/woodchip around high-traffic areas? |  |
| Do you use a clean and dry handling system? |  |
| Do you footbath according to manufacturer’s guidelines? |  |
| Do you move mineral buckets or troughs regularly? |  |
| Do you ensure all housing and pens are clean before and during lambing? |  |
| **Total Score** |  |

**Five Point Plan Questionnaire**

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| **Farm Name** |  |
| **Flock Size** |  |
| **Current Lameness Percentage** |  |

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| **Quarantine- Action** | **Score** |
| Do you quarantine all replacements for 4 weeks? |  |
| Do you footbath all replacements correctly? |  |
| Do you vaccinate all incoming stock for footrot? |  |
| Do you turn and inspect all incoming stock and replace any with misshapen feet? |  |
| Is all new stock bought from a known source with a low level of lameness or who are implementing the 5 point plan? |  |
| **Total Score** |  |

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| **Treat- Action** | **Score** |
| Do you catch and examine lame sheep within 3 days of first observing them? |  |
| Do you mark treated sheep according to affected leg, and record ID? |  |
| Have you had the cause(s) of lameness formally diagnosed by a vet? |  |
| Have you stopped hoof trimming as a general form of treatment for lameness? |  |
| Do you use an appropriate (prescribed by your vet) antibiotic injection within 2 -3 days of diagnosing infectious causes of lameness? |  |
| **Total Score** |  |
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| **Cull- Action** | **Score** |
| Do you mark, spray or tag lame sheep so they can be identified later? |  |
| Do you monitor lame ewes who have recovered for future lameness? |  |
| Do you cull if a sheep presents as lame twice despite appropriate treatment? |  |
| Do you cull out sheep with chronic misshapen feet? |  |
| Are you comfortable committing to a strict culling policy for the first year of implementing the plan? |  |
| **Total Score** |  |

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| **Vaccinate- Action** | **Score** |
| Have you identified the high-risk periods of footrot on your farm? |  |
| Do you vaccinate in advance of the high risk periods at an appropriate time? |  |
| Do you vaccinate ALL your ewes and rams including replacements? |  |
| Do you ensure you use the correct dose and route by referring to the pack insert or datasheet? |  |
| Do you store your vaccine between 2°C and 8°C, and use on day of opening? |  |
| **Total Score** |  |