



BCVA Board Nomination

1.1 Contact Information

Name	Barry Cooper
Practice/Company	Castle Farm Vets

1.2 Proposed by:

Proposer		Seconder	
Name	James Kennedy	Name	Mike Reynolds
Practice/Company	Farm Director CVS	Practice/Company	Senior Clinical Director NI CVS

1.3 Please give a brief manifesto (no more than 200 words) to include your reason(s) for standing for election and the skills and experience you could bring to the Board of BCVA

I am standing for election to the BCVA Board because I want to contribute to the future of farm veterinary medicine and ensure that the voice of farm vets is heard as our profession and industry continue to evolve.

I have been a farm animal vet for 12 years, predominantly working with cattle, and currently lead Castle Farm Vets within CVS. This has given me extensive clinical experience alongside leadership, management and the opportunity to shape the wider farm veterinary division. I would bring these skills, together with a practical understanding of the challenges faced by farm vets and farmers.

I have particularly enjoyed working collaboratively with the wider profession and industry through a farm residency programme with the Universities of Glasgow and Edinburgh. This has strengthened my academic, professional and industry networks and developed my interest in research, education and knowledge sharing.

Farm veterinary medicine has a vital role in sustainable food production and endemic disease control, while also changing rapidly through developments in AI, climate change, emerging disease and new approaches to health and production. Increasingly, these challenges require collaboration and influence beyond individual practices or veterinary groups. I would like to use my experience to help BCVA engage with government, influence policy and represent our profession nationally.

I would bring enthusiasm, leadership, collaboration and a strong desire to help shape a positive future for farm veterinary medicine.

1.4 Please include a photo

