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**Biography:**

I graduated from the RVC in 2009 and after two months doing charity work and travelling in India, spent nearly three years in mixed and small animal practices in Cornwall and Nottingham. I am currently in the second year of my PhD.

**Degree registration:**

PhD, due for completion in June 2015

**Research Theme:**

Population Health and Welfare

**Research topic:**

'Implementation of vaccination strategies on UK dairy farms: Understanding challenges and perceptions'

**Summary of research:**

I am interviewing dairy farmers and farm animal veterinary surgeons about their thoughts and opinions on the implementation of vaccination strategies on-farm, with the aim of using this information to help inform further research, policy and advice.

**Supervisors:**

Dr Wendela Wapenaar, Dr Pru Hobson-West, Professor Martin Green, Dr Marnie Brennan

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**Publications:**

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