



SUPPORT OFFERED BY THE FARMER NETWORK IN THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

FARMER NETWORK TELEPHONE HELPLINE
01768 868615

If you need help during the Covid-19 crisis, please call the Farmer Network to get information about support schemes, sourcing supplies, preparing contingency plans and finding emergency labour for your business.

CONTINGENCY PLANNING – IF YOU BECOME ILL, WHO KNOWS WHAT TO DO?

The Farmer Network is urging all farmers to create an emergency contingency plan for their business in case they or key workers are unavailable due to illness or self-isolation. We have a [template](#) available and can help you complete a contingency plan if required. We also have other briefings to help you work within the Covid-19 health and safety guidelines.

FARM LABOUR EMERGENCY SUPPORT SCHEME (FLESS)

The Farmer Network has created this scheme to help farm businesses in Cumbria and the Yorkshire Dales secure the services of emergency farm workers to undertake essential farm tasks, or support with deliveries/collections. We have created a register of potential emergency farm workers and want to hear from farmers who might need emergency labour - this may be skilled staff able to work full time on a paid basis, or unskilled volunteers willing to help with basic tasks under supervision, or with collecting or delivering supplies. Click on our [COVID-19 webpage](#) for more information.

HOW TO GET THE LATEST INFORMATION AND NEWS UPDATES

We regularly update the Latest News and Covid-19 pages on our website and include any updates in the weekly e-news for Farmer Network members. If you don't have an e-mail address, but would like our e-news to be sent to a family member, please give us a call or e-mail: admin@thefarmernetwork.co.uk

If you need confidential help with family physical or mental health, related to business or domestic problems, we recommend that you contact the farming charity, **Farming Community Network helpline 03000 111999**

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