

Head of Pathology: Irish Equine Centre



The Irish Equine Centre (IEC) is an independent, not-for-profit organisation whose aim is to protect the health and wellbeing of Ireland's horse population through the provision of diagnostic laboratory services. It is an integral part of the Irish horse industry and has served the sector for 40 years. Its ethos is primarily focused on its "public good mandate" and it serves as a vital insurance policy against existing and emerging equine diseases and the introduction of exotic pathogens. There is no similar laboratory or facility in Ireland, commercial or state-aided, that serves the Irish equine herd and works solely to prevent and eradicate equine diseases and protect animal health.

The IEC has an international reputation as a **Centre of Excellence** in equine diagnostic services, in the conduction of applied research and in the provision of educational services to veterinarians, breeders and trainers.

Our client base is a diverse community across the thoroughbred, sport and leisure horse sectors and covers the 32 counties of Ireland. The profile of equine clients ranges from world-leading thoroughbred studs, training yards to sport horse livery yards and owners of one or two riding horses. More than 700 veterinary practices and individuals make submissions to the IEC.

The impending retirement of our most valued and long serving current Head of Pathology has resulted in a need to seek her successor.

The role:

You will be responsible for the daily activity of the Pathology Unit including the performance of gross postmortem examinations / necropsies with follow up histopathology together with further diagnostics where appropriate, and in conjunction with, the other IEC units, microbiology and virology, primarily on horses, but also on other animal species, including contract work on badgers for the State. You will evaluate histological and cytological samples to produce descriptive and interpretive reports for submitting veterinary practices including where required, formats appropriate for insurance purposes. You will be responsible for reports from your unit to the International Collating Centre, while recognising at all time, the need to preserve client confidentiality.

You will be part of the leadership team of the Irish Equine Centre that will shape and develop the strategy of the organisation and continue to champion outstanding relationships with our major stakeholders and clients.

You will manage and develop the IEC Pathology service and its staff and take pride in developing their skills through continuous improvement whilst ensuring a safe working environment.

You will participate in organisational activities, meetings and industry events to promote the business of the IEC, veterinary continuing education at home and overseas, industry seminars and wider industry standards.

Qualifications required:

- Significant experience in veterinary pathology
- A veterinary degree registerable with the Veterinary Council of Ireland
- A specialist qualification in veterinary pathology such as DipACVP, DipECVP, FRCPath would be highly beneficial.

What we can offer you:

Competitive salary commensurate with experience, funded and supported CPD, annual VCI and specialist college subscriptions paid. 25 days annual leave holiday plus bank holidays, enhanced company pension scheme, critical health care insurance, death in service benefit. We offer flexible working so will consider a full-time member of staff or flexi- time/part-time working for the right candidate. For anyone relocating from abroad we can offer a relocation allowance and will assist in connecting you with the right contacts regarding local housing, schools etc.

Apply in confidence to: dgrey@irishequinecentre.ie

Closing date: 15th June 2023.