



**The Institute for Health Research  
Lancaster University  
Standing Panel on FMD in North Cumbria**

**Subject :** Written evidence from **Lynne Brooks, Veterinary Practice Manager**, a project respondent, taking part in Lancaster University's 'The Health and Social Consequences of the 2001 FMD Outbreak' study. Lynne orally submitted this evidence to Carlisle City Council, Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 17.12.03

**From:** Cathy Bailey, Project Researcher

**To:** John Mallinson, Carlisle City Council, Overview and Scrutiny Committee Manager

**Date:** 07.01.04

*Lynne sent the following written account to Cathy via an email:*

I work in a Veterinary Practice on the outskirts of Carlisle, it is a mixed Practice of approx 70% large animal and 30% small animal, of the 70% large animal they are mainly dairy. During FMD we lost 80% of our clients herds, if the contiguous cull had continued we would have lost them all.

At the time of FMD we had 4 full time and 1 part time vets with 8 support staff, by the end of FMD we had 1 full time & 1 part time vets & 3 support staff.

20th February 2001  
23rd February 2001  
1st March 2001  
3rd March 2001  
24th June 2001  
30th September 2001

What do these dates mean to you? Possibly nothing, possibly something. They all mean something to me.

The rest of my short talk is mainly about what happened in our Veterinary Practice during FMD 2001. It is a very personal account, but the FMD was for so many people a personal & very emotional experience, it changed lives instantly and overnight. I will try to give you some idea just what it was like, it was real but unbelievable, it was sad and amazing, it was sad and amazing, it was traumatic and over whelming, and it happened.

Here goes!!

It was one of those situations that you always remember where you were and what you were doing. One of our vets had heard on the radio that there was