## AVS/IVSA UK & Ireland Elections 2021

Name: Joshua Page

Position: Veterinary Public Health Officer

Vet School: University of Nottingham

**About me:**

Hi, my name is Josh, I'm rerunning for the position of VPHO. Currently, I am in my third year at Nottingham, over the last year my interest in Veterinary Public Health has grown (thanks COVID). I think it's safe to say that we now know the importance of One Health, with the year we've just had! At the minute you're probably most likely to find my covered in mud in a field somewhere trying to get away from the computer. Under normal circumstances at university, I'm an active member of badminton and football and have made some great friends from both.

**Experience:**

I've held the role of VPHO for a year now, which has given me a really good idea of what role entails (funnily enough). I've been able to participate in quite a few events through the role of VPHO, whether that's online exchanges and conferences held my IVSA chapters or organisations such as the antibiotic guardian. I have also been involved in organising events such as COVID symposium (Notts) and in the process of organising the 4th annual One Health conference for IVSA UK and Ireland (please come along!). Finally, I am currently the treasurer for VetCoach, the Nottingham student society focussing on peer mentoring.

**What I would try to achieve in my role:**

What I want to achieve hasn't changed from last year! I still want to increase the popularity of public health in the eyes of vet students, I think this is increasingly relevant in today's veterinary careers as we need more vets to have an interest in public health and food production.

After the year that we've had it would be great to have an in-person One health conference, and hopefully, the social events to follow! If we can manage to good time and inspire some students to follow careers in VPH that would be perfect.

**Why you should vote for me:**

I have enjoyed being in the role of VPHO and feel that I haven't quite finished with it yet! Hopefully I can prove that I can run a successful in person conference by running a virtual one on the 20th Feb (hopefully).