10.3.3 Records

Resolved: After noting

The inputs received from the profession regarding record keeping as follows:

a) “Vaccine batch number is unnecessary for pets already on patient certificate. Batch numbers of small animal vaccines are long (7 or more digits) and recording onerous”; and

b) “In SAVC News 49 p6 in discussing record keeping you request keeping a record of discharge information to the client. We hand over a pre-printed sheet and add additional comments to it. Does this recommendation imply we must copy this sheet even when it is the banal such as “STITCHES OUT IN 14 DAYS”

To inform the profession that although stickers were available veterinarians had to record the vaccination batch as the accountability had to be traced if the owner lost the vaccination card; furthermore relevant information had to be recorded and not what was obvious. The spirit of normal policy had to be adhered to.