



Scottish Government  
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# BEEKEEPING EDUCATION MODULES

## The Role Of The Bee Team

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# Aims and Objectives

To provide an overview of the work in the Scottish Government to support the Scottish Government's Honey Bee Health Strategy

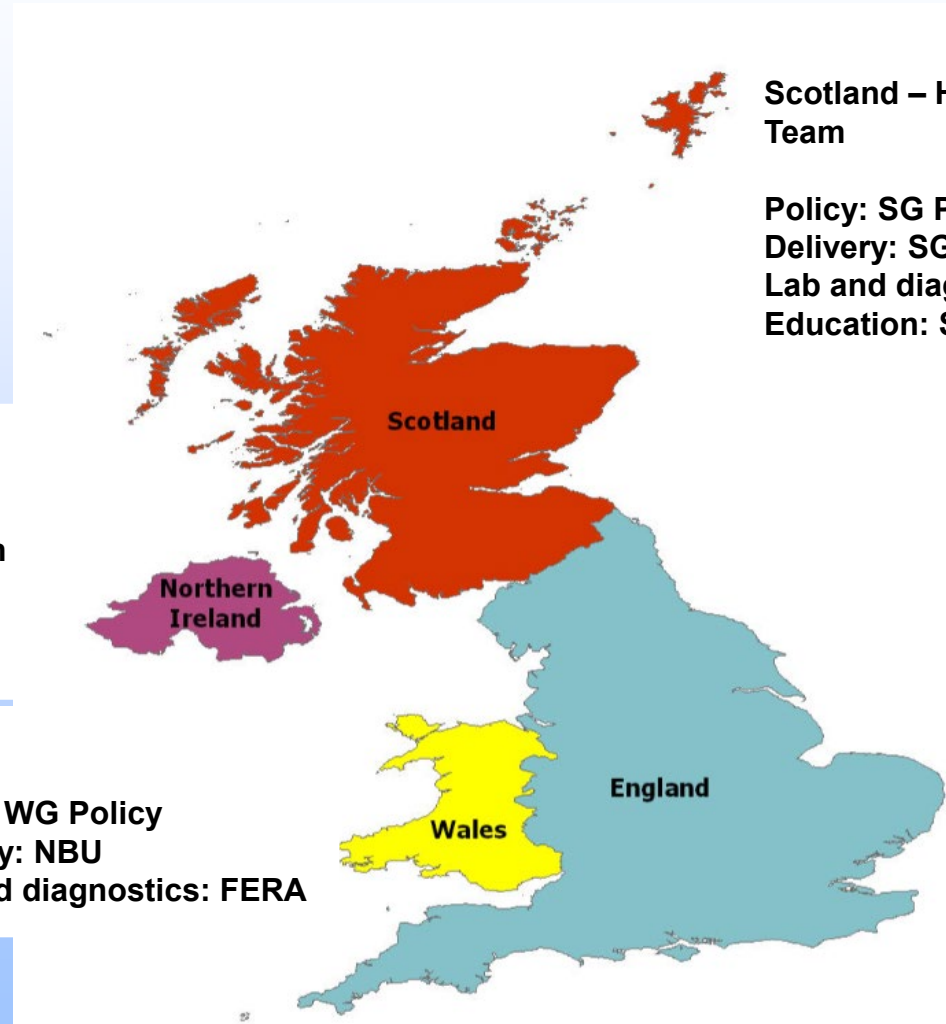
# Honey Bee health across the UK

## **N Ireland:**

**Policy: DAERA**  
**Delivery: DAERA Bee Health Inspectorate**  
**Lab and diagnostics: AFBI**

## **Wales:**

**Policy: WG Policy**  
**Delivery: NBU**  
**Lab and diagnostics: FERA**



## **Scotland – Honey Bee Health Team**

**Policy: SG Policy**  
**Delivery: SGRPID**  
**Lab and diagnostics: SASA**  
**Education: SRUC**

## **England:**

**Policy: Defra**  
**Delivery: NBU**  
**Lab and diagnostics: FERA**

# Honey Bee Health Strategy and Implementation Plan

“Working in partnership to achieve a healthy and sustainable population of honey bees in Scotland”

Pillar 1: Education, Training and Knowledge Transfer.

Pillar 2: Communication and partnership working across government, operational partners, stakeholders and all of those with an interest in honey bees in Scotland.

Pillar 3: Pest and Disease surveillance, prevention, diagnosis, and control.

Pillar 4: Research and Development.

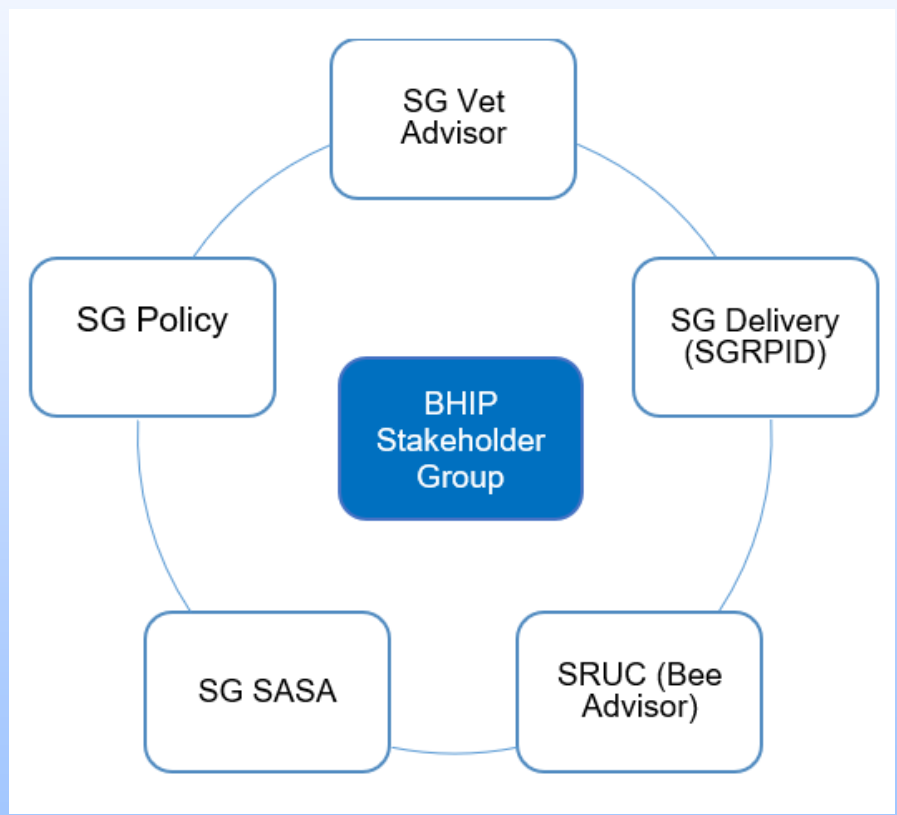
Pillar 5: On-going review of the regulatory framework.

## The Honey Bee Health Strategy 2022 - 2032

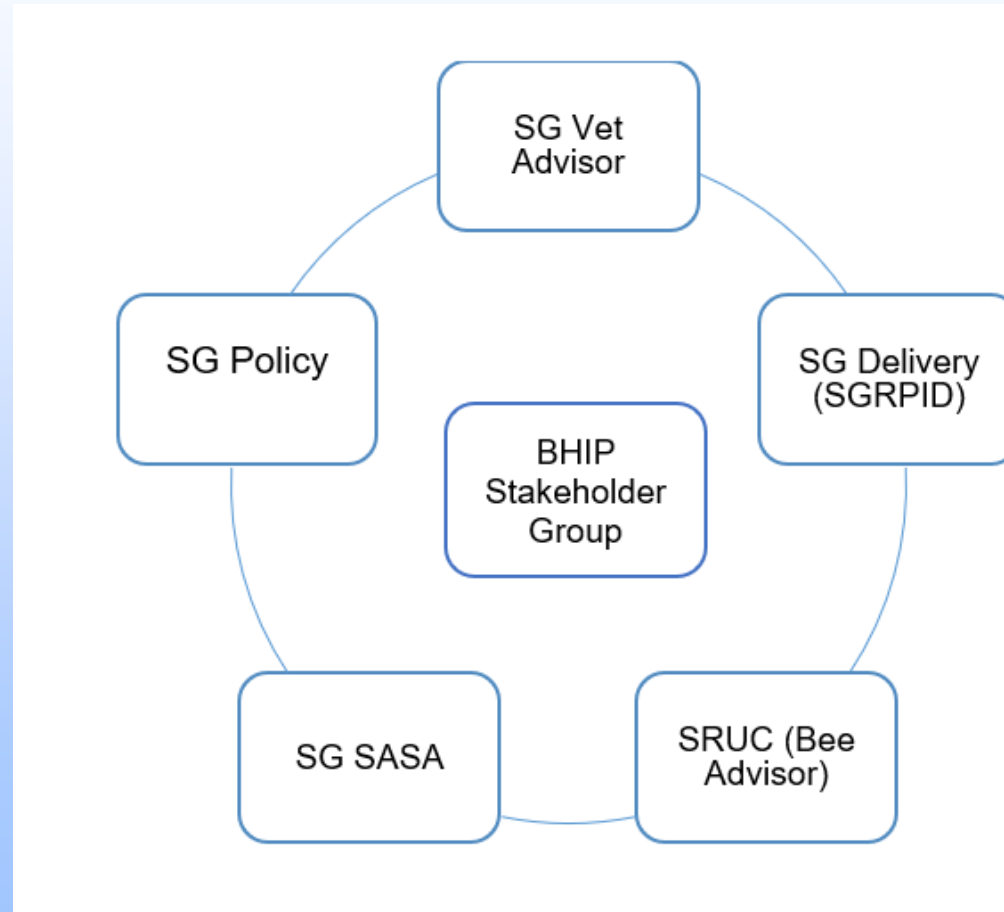


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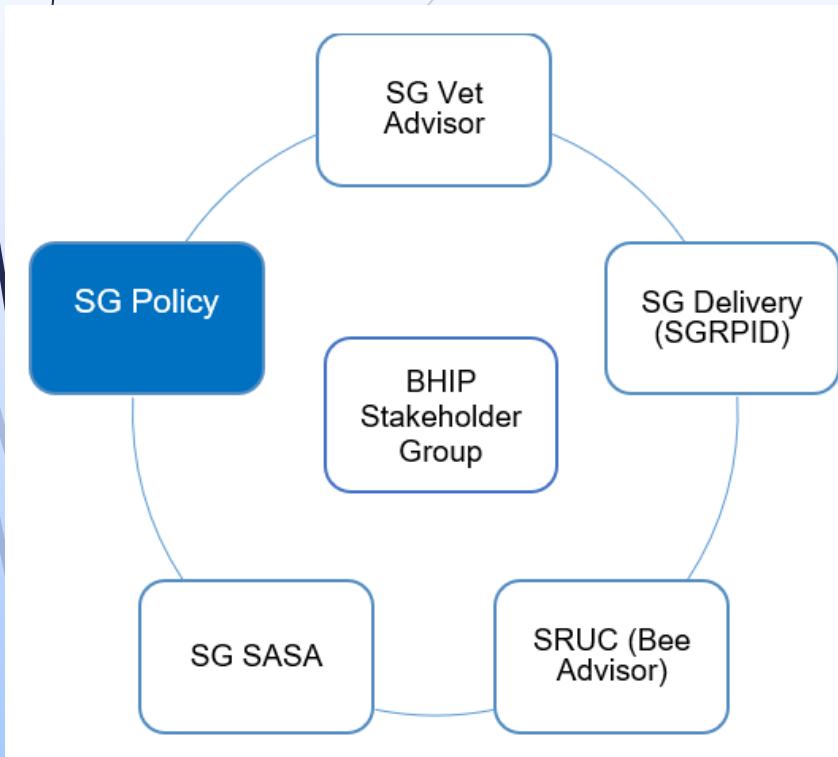
# Role of the Bee Health Improvement Partnership (BHIP) Stakeholder Group



# Scottish Government Bee Improvement Partnership (BHIP)

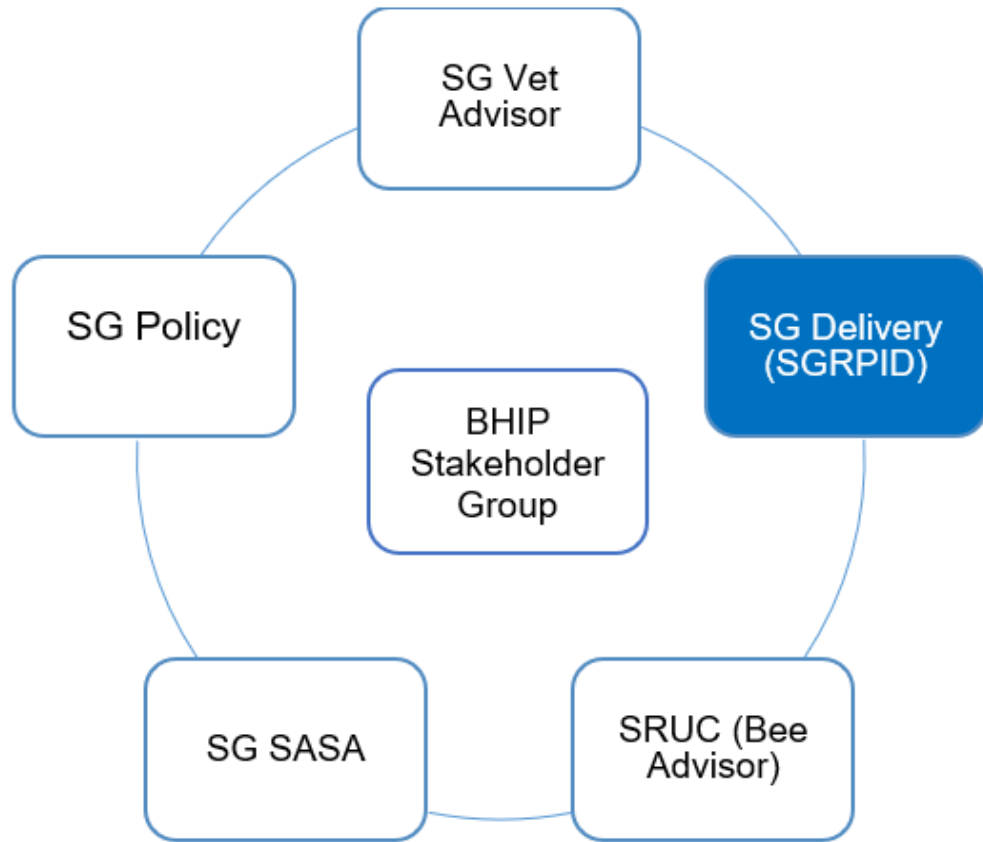


# Role of SG Policy Team



- Responsible for developing and overseeing implementation of the Honey Bee Health Strategy
- Reporting to and updating Scottish Ministers on honey bee health matters and progress on the Strategy
- Developing honey bee policy in line with legislation and in close collaboration with Veterinary, RPID, SASA, SRUC and other colleagues
- Developing communications around honey bee health
- Working in partnership with other UK Government administrations and SG policy areas to integrate and promote honey bee health interests
- Contingency Planning

# Role of Bee Health Inspectors



- Inspect bees for notifiable diseases and pests
- Monitor exotic pest risk points
- Track and trace activities for non-native invasive pests (e.g, Yellow-legged hornets)
- Undertake surveillance around outbreak areas
- Take honey samples on behalf of Veterinary Medicines Directorate to test for medicinal residues

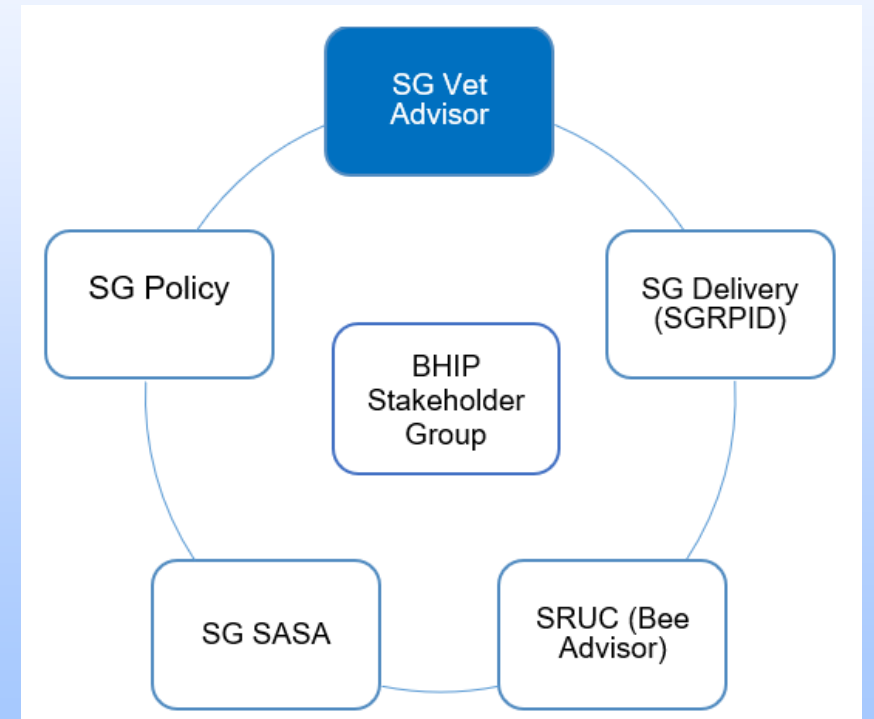
Provide advice to beekeepers on:

- disease and pest recognition
- biosecurity

# Role of Senior Veterinary Advisor

Provides advice on:

- Surveillance
- Disease control and eradication
- Epidemiology
- Veterinary Medicines
- Public health
- International trade
- Bee health

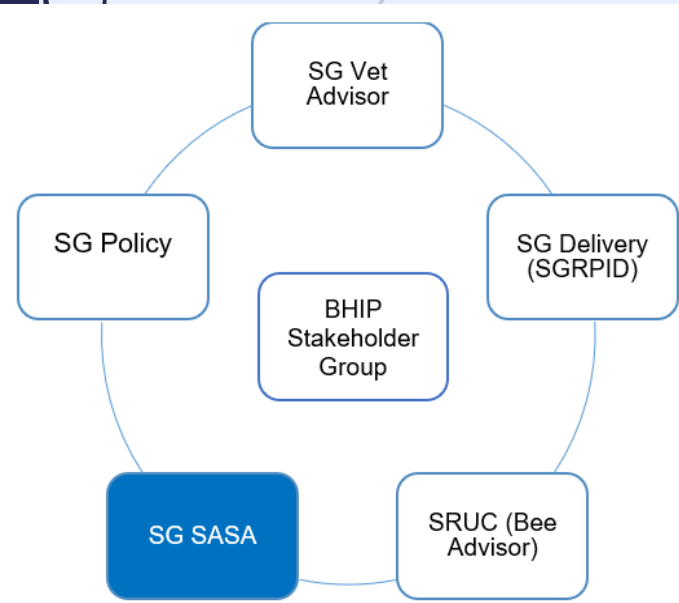


# Role of SASA

➤ Provide the following diagnostic services:

- Laboratory diagnosis for notifiable pests and diseases
- Identification and analyses of all Yellow-legged hornet individuals or nests
- Screening samples of hive debris for the presence of Varroa destructor
- Analysis of adult bees in cases of unexplained colony loss

- Investigate cases of suspected pesticide abuse or misuse through the Wildlife Incident Investigation Scheme (WIIS)
- Provide training and scientific advice to inspectorate and policy colleagues as well as at training events to beekeepers and bee farmers.
- Contribute to and advise on research related to honey bees and beekeeping

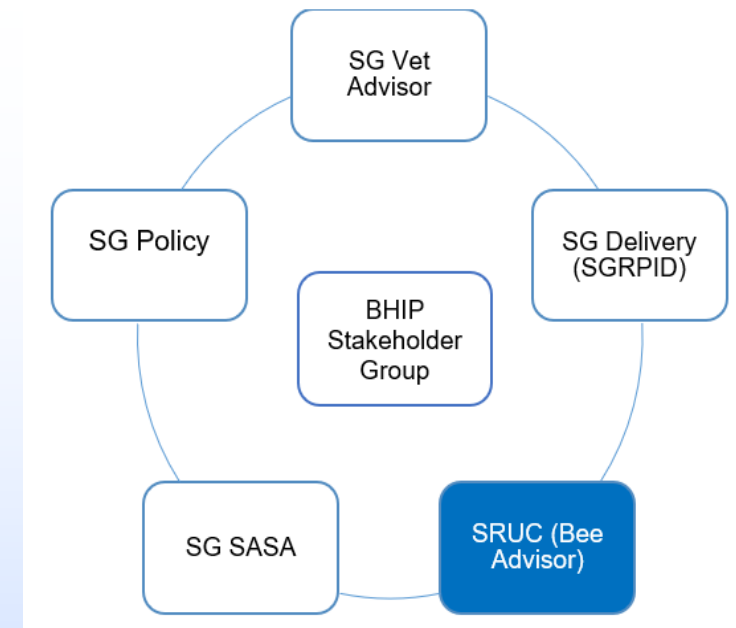


# Role of SRUC

The role of the SRUC Bee Advisor is primarily concerned with bee health and education through:

- Partnership working as part of the Bee Health Improvement Partnership
- Providing advice to Scottish Government as part of the Honey Bee Health Strategy
- Mentoring support and advice to all beekeepers including inspectors
- Organising strategic targeted education and events such as Bee Health Days
- Promoting good practice and improving standards

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# Learning and training resources available: Scottish Government and SRUC

- ▶ Association talks
- ▶ Support for self-organised training events
- ▶ Training modules
- ▶ Podcasts
- ▶ BeeBase
- ▶ Webinars



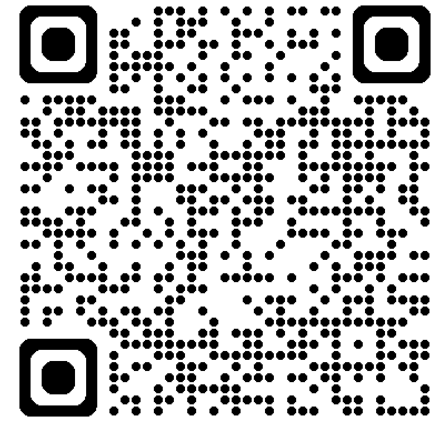
# How to contact one of the SG teams

- ▶ The Scottish Government's Honey Bee Health Team is keen to help ensure that honey bees in Scotland are healthy and productive.
- ▶ If you have a query about your bees' health, or wish to report suspicion of a notifiable disease or arrange an inspection, or have a question about the Honey Bee Health Strategy, you should contact the Bees Mailbox. Please note the underscore between "Bees" and Mailbox"
- ▶ Your query will be directed to the appropriate team for a response.

[Bees\\_Mailbox@gov.scot](mailto:Bees_Mailbox@gov.scot)

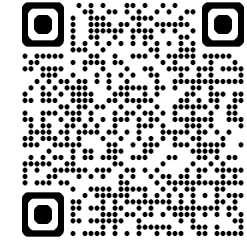
# BeeBase Registration

- Important tool for disease control
- Free to register and use
- Safe and secure
- Protects your bees/neighbours bees/Scotland's bees
- Scottish specific pages on BeeBase
- Incredibly useful resource for information and guides
- Maps/charts/stats of disease outbreaks all publicly available



# Resources Available – Others

[BeeBase – Information for Scottish Beekeepers](#)



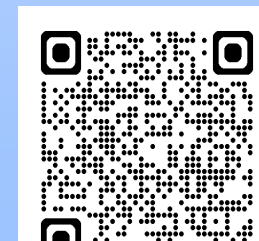
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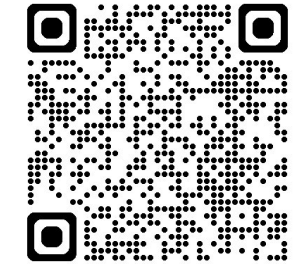
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# Honey bee Health strategy links



[The Honey Bee Health Strategy 2022 - 2032 - gov.scot](#)

[Scotland's Honey Bee Health Strategy: implementation plan - gov.scot](#)





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