



**You are invited to a one stop event where rural advisers can find out more about opportunities and challenges for the farming sector in the North East.**

The event will take place on **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** at Tyneside House (Environment Agency Regional Headquarters), Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle Business Park, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 7AR, from 10am to 4pm, including a buffet lunch.

Topics covered include; CAP Reform, Cross Compliance, Water Framework Directive, grants for farmers and our regional knowledge exchange network.

<b>Time</b>		<b>Speaker</b>
<b>10.00am</b>	Register, tea/coffee	
<b>10.20am</b>	Chairman's introduction	Sir Donald Curry
<b>10.30am</b>	Introduction to FAS	Ian Cairns
<b>10.45am</b>	RPA inspection procedure & 2013 update	Richard Anderson or Pam Frost (RPA)
<b>11.15am</b>	Sector based approach, WFD update	Robert Brotherton
<b>12.00pm</b>	CSF update	Stuart Moss
<b>12.30pm</b>	Buffet lunch	
<b>1.15pm</b>	(FAS) CAP update	George Cook (Andersons)
<b>2.00pm</b>	(FAS) NVZ update, changes and implications in the North East	Peter Hoey
<b>2.25pm</b>	(FAS) Farming in wet weather & cross compliance	Ian Cairns
<b>2.45pm</b>	Demonstration Test Catchments	Andrew Lovett
<b>3.05pm</b>	Agri-Environment Schemes update	Natural England
<b>3.25pm</b>	Forestry Grants update & Ash Die Back Disease	Forestry Commission
<b>3.45pm</b>	Chairman's closing comments	Sir Donald Curry
<b>4.00pm</b>	Conference ends	

**BASIS** CPD points are available for attendees.

**Places are limited so please book now to avoid disappointment.**

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