**FREE FARM BUSINESS HEALTH CHECK**

**ARE YOU READY FOR BREXIT?**

The Farmer Network has received funding from the Cumbria Growth Catalyst programme to enable us to provide free one to one advice to help farmers review their businesses post-Brexit.

The Agriculture Bill is proposing the phase out of direct payments from 2021-2027 and the introduction of a new Environment Land Management Scheme that will replace these direct payments and existing Stewardship Schemes.

On average, direct payments account for over 90% of Farm Business Income for beef and sheep farms and almost 40% for dairy businesses.  Our business health check tool is designed to help farmers understand more about these proposed changes and consider their options for the future.

The business health check will take between 2 to 3 hours and will include a review of your farm accounts, information about the proposals in the Agriculture Bill, consideration of your business’ strengths and weaknesses and possible opportunities for future development.

Farmer Network Project Manager, Ruth Kendal, said: “this service is about providing farmers with the information they need about the proposed changes to support payments, helping them understand what these might mean for their businesses and providing support to consider what changes may be necessary for them to survive and develop.”

For more information about the service and/or to book an appointment, please contact the Farmer Network on 01768 868615.