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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about qualifications of OV's which we received on 27 September 2018. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

"Under the Freedom of Information Act, as of today, please can you tell me how many OVs still hold the qualification **OCQ(V) – TT** that are not employed by a VDP contracted practice in England.

[APHA can confirm as of 27 September 2018, there were 84 Official Veterinarians \(OVs\) who still hold the qualification.](#)

As a follow up, how many of these OVs have had an APHA audit in the last three years?"

[In the Years , 2016- 27th September 2018, APHA completed 29 audits of the Official Veterinarians where the Practice was not assigned to Veterinary Delivery Partnership \(VDP\). However over the course of those 3 years, some of the practices were becoming part of VDP, while others were becoming independent.](#)

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Yours sincerely

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