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Mr [REDACTED]  
{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

## PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about endemic diseases detected post-mortem which we received on 18 December 2015. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“Please find below details of my Freedom of Information (FOI) request for data on endemic diseases detected post-mortem in animals from England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

Please send me:

- Data on the discovery of Bovine Viral Diarrhoea (BVD), Infectious Bovine Rhinotracheitis (IBR), Johne’s Disease and Leptospirosis during post-mortem examinations in 2013, 2014 and 2015. This should include information on the animal (species, age, etc.), the location at death, and the date of death.
- Any data that shows correlation between each disease and a certain region.
- Any data that shows correlation between each disease and the time of year.”

Clarity was then given:

“Thank you for contacting me to clarify. Any data you have the detection of Leptospirosis in cattle and other species during post-mortem examination would be welcomed. I’ll be sure to contact DARD for data from Northern Ireland.”

Please find attached at Appendix 1 the data APHA hold in respect of your request.

We would like to point out that the data is based on the submission results APHA receive. In some cases these submission are delayed, but this data is as up-to-date as APHA hold.

Please see also a link to the VIDA book which details the historical national data, 2015 data (of which you have our most up-to-date subset) will be published when complete approximately September this year:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/veterinary-investigation-diagnosis-analysis-vida-report-2014>

I attach an Annex which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you and contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the Access to Information Team at the email address below or postal address at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

**ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM**

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## **Annex**

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