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Dear [REDACTED]

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Bovine TB testing in cattle**

Thank you for your request for information, which we received on 8 March 2016, requesting the number of interferon-gamma tests carried out between 2009 and 2015. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

The information you have requested is enclosed as Annex A.

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We attach Annex B, which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.

We also attach Annex C giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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Table 3: Number of gamma-interferon tests carried out between 2009 and 2015 in counties located wholly in the Edge Area

| <b>County</b>              | <b>2009</b> | <b>2010</b> | <b>2011</b> | <b>2012</b> | <b>2013</b> | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>Total</b>  |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Berkshire                  | -           | -           | 1,056       | 1,335       | 1,119       | 2,339       | 5,943       | <b>11,792</b> |
| Buckinghamshire            | 899         | 189         | 627         | 1,284       | 2,367       | 2,588       | 1,621       | <b>9,575</b>  |
| Hampshire                  | 133         | 789         | 1,002       | 450         | 655         | 4,509       | 5,858       | <b>13,396</b> |
| Leicestershire and Rutland | 2,571       | 586         | 695         | 3,868       | 1,777       | 4,719       | 6,940       | <b>21,156</b> |
| Northamptonshire           | 1,191       | 356         | -           | 644         | 794         | 689         | 3,015       | <b>6,689</b>  |
| Nottinghamshire            | 962         | -           | 988         | 374         | 1,277       | 2,500       | 912         | <b>7,013</b>  |

Table 4: Number of gamma-interferon tests carried out between 2009 and 2015 in counties located partly in the Edge Area and partly in the High Risk Area

| <b>County</b> | <b>2009</b> | <b>2010</b> | <b>2011</b> | <b>2012</b> | <b>2013</b> | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>Total</b>  |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Cheshire      | 395         | 847         | 2,637       | 5,520       | 3,395       | 19,330      | 15,913      | <b>48,037</b> |
| Derbyshire    | 206         | 214         | 787         | 4,410       | 1,952       | 2,253       | 2,325       | <b>12,147</b> |
| East Sussex   | 10          | -           | 26          | 175         | 621         | 785         | 2,171       | <b>3,788</b>  |
| Oxfordshire   | 1,830       | 175         | 764         | 1,104       | 4,529       | 7,557       | 6,873       | <b>22,832</b> |
| Warwickshire  | 846         | -           | 288         | 149         | -           | 6,159       | 6,026       | <b>13,468</b> |

Table 5: Number of gamma-interferon tests carried out between 2009 and 2015 in counties located wholly in the Low Risk Area

| <b>County</b>      | <b>2009</b> | <b>2010</b> | <b>2011</b> | <b>2012</b> | <b>2013</b> | <b>2014</b> | <b>2015</b> | <b>Total</b>  |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------|
| Bedfordshire       | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | 331         | <b>331</b>    |
| Cambridgeshire     | 6           | 566         | -           | 40          | -           | 28          | -           | <b>640</b>    |
| Cumbria            | 106         | 832         | 1,048       | 257         | 1,947       | 1,064       | 1,948       | <b>7,202</b>  |
| Durham             | -           | 248         | 423         | -           | 1,063       | 169         | 166         | <b>2,069</b>  |
| Essex              | -           | 609         | -           | 62          | 239         | -           | 1,041       | <b>1,951</b>  |
| Greater Manchester | -           | -           | 20          | 60          | 377         | -           | 235         | <b>692</b>    |
| Hertfordshire      | 1           | 59          | -           | 6           | 768         | 439         | 10          | <b>1,283</b>  |
| Isle of Wight      | -           | 81          | -           | -           | 221         | -           | -           | <b>302</b>    |
| Kent               | 91          | 5           | 815         | 41          | -           | -           | -           | <b>952</b>    |
| Lancashire         | 739         | 3,668       | 702         | 579         | 2,612       | 2,094       | 1,733       | <b>12,127</b> |
| Lincolnshire       | 1,072       | -           | 184         | 44          | 119         | 1,550       | 2,288       | <b>5,257</b>  |
| Merseyside         | -           | -           | 19          | 53          | -           | 34          | -           | <b>106</b>    |
| Northumberland     | 48          | 2           | 1,383       | 665         | -           | 204         | -           | <b>2,302</b>  |
| Norfolk            | 382         | 2,619       | 56          | 23          | 616         | 75          | 427         | <b>4,198</b>  |
| Surrey             | 401         | 620         | -           | -           | 188         | -           | -           | <b>1,209</b>  |
| Suffolk            | 180         | -           | -           | -           | -           | 38          | 3           | <b>221</b>    |
| West Sussex        | 73          | 453         | 55          | -           | -           | 521         | 847         | <b>1,949</b>  |
| Yorkshire          | 1,248       | 1,468       | 1,826       | 3,773       | 3,457       | 1,672       | 2,346       | <b>15,790</b> |

## Annex B

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## Annex C

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