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Dear

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information on notifiable disease outbreaks which we received on 14 October 2020. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI) EIR).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

"I am trying to get a list or spreadsheet of all the Notifiable Disease outbreaks in livestock which have occurred in the UK over the past 10 years.

Ideally this would be animal type and region and if an exotic or endemic disease - but if it is on a spreadsheet, I can sort it.

Would you be able to direct me to a link on your website or perhaps email me any records/list please?"

APHA wrote to you seek clarification on your request which was received on the 15 October 2020 as follows:

"They are therefore wanting to understand how many notifiable outbreaks there have been in the pigs, cattle and poultry sectors over the last 10 years in the Norfolk/Suffolk area to understand the potential feedstock risks for the livestock manure supply. It maybe that you don't record outbreaks per counties but maybe you record them per region – East Anglia would be the best region.

I have tried to search the government website and can only find the follow for Poultry: <u>https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/834770/avian-disease-control-strategy1.pdf</u> - this lists out the outbreaks on page 8-9.

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Do you have such records you could direct me too for Pigs and Cattle please or is it possible to dig out the records of any notifiable diseases in Cattle, Pigs and Poultry in East Anglia over the past 10 years please?"

Please see table below detailing outbreaks of notifiable disease in Norholk/Suffolk in that last ten years:

Row Labels	Count Disease	of
2011	1	
Bovine spongiform encephalopathy	1	
2013	1	
Bovine spongiform encephalopathy	1	
2017	5	
Highly pathogenic avian influenza in wild birds	3	
Highly pathogenic avian influenza in poultry	2	
2018	2	
Highly pathogenic avian influenza in wild birds	2	
2019	1	
Low pathogenic avian influenza in poultry	1	
Grand Total	10	

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the Access to Information Team at the email address below. During the current Coronavirus outbreak, our offices will be closed.

Yours sincerely

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Annex

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Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

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