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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information TB in wild deer from the Exmoor area which we received on 07 December 2020. Your request has been handled under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004(EIR).

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

“I am coordinating a deer health monitoring project on Exmoor and you very kindly helped us last year with information about confirmed cases of TB in wild deer from the Exmoor area. I wondered if I might trouble you again to ask for an update on this information, please?

It would be most helpful to know deer species, sex, age and location of any positive cases from this area.”

Listed in the table below are details of samples that were from deer from Exmoor National park or from the surrounding area (according to information given) and the samples were positive for *Mycobacterium bovis* on culture.

The samples were received at the APHA culture laboratory after 1st January 2018. The data was retrieved on 10th December 2020.

The month given is the month of receipt at TB culture laboratory.

The result from April 2018 was also provided previously.

It should not be assumed that the number of *Mycobacterium bovis* positive submissions reflects the disease prevalence. Notifications of tuberculous deer carcasses and submission of samples from deer for *Mycobacterium bovis* culture are affected by many factors.

Area	Sex	Age	Species	Month of receipt
Huntscott	female	Est 3-4 years	Red Deer	April 2018
Selworthy	male	2 years	Red Deer	June 2018
Selworthy	male	7 years	Red deer	April 2019
Ford, Wootton Courtney	male	2 years	Red Deer	August 2019
Ford, Wootton Courtney	female	1 year	Red Deer	August 2019
Molland	female	3 years	Red Deer	January 2020
Exmoor National Park (no precise location given)	female	2 years	Red Deer	January 2020
Selworthy	female	2 years	Red Deer	January 2020
Tivington	female	1 year	Red Deer	January 2020
Ford, Wootton Courtney	male	5 months	Red Deer	January 2020

Exmoor	male	4 years	Red Deer	January 2020
Exmoor	male	5 years	Red Deer	January 2020
Ford, Wootton Courtney	female	3 years	Red Deer	January 2020
Horner	female	9+ years	Red Deer	September 2020
Selworthy	female	8 years	Red Deer	September 2020

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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

ACCESS TO INFORMATION TEAM

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Annex

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