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[REDACTED]  
{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

## PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about Badger vaccination in Cumbria, which APHA received on 16 August 2021 . Your request has been handled under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR's) 2004.

The information you requested and our response is detailed below:

APHA has been vaccinating badgers against Bovine Tuberculosis in Cumbria. With regard to this research -

1. When did this vaccination project start?

Vaccination in Cumbria started in 2020 as part of the badger control operations in HS21 to contribute towards the goal of eradicating bovine TB (it is not a research project).

2. How many badgers have been vaccinated?

3. What is the size of the area where the badgers are being vaccinated?

The 2020 results in terms of numbers vaccinated and area are published here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bovine-tb-summary-of-badger-control-monitoring-during-2020/summary-of-badger-vaccination-in-2020>

4. Are vaccinated badgers being culled?

5. If so, how many of the vaccinated badgers have been found to be infected with bTB?

Culling is not taking place in the vaccination area of Cumbria. This area moved from culling to vaccination in 2020 as described in the above link. We are not testing vaccinated badgers for TB.

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Yours sincerely

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## Annex

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