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Dear [REDACTED],

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: UK horse data**

Thank you for your request for information of 12 January 2023 asking for UK horse data. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

*I wanted to know if you had any data you could share with me that would show the split of horse ages and total numbers in the UK*

Defra's supplier to the Central Equine Database (CED), Equine Register Ltd, have provided figures on ages of live equines registered on the UK CED as at 16/01/2023. However, please be aware that this is not an accurate record as equines that have not been issued with passports due to owner non-compliance, will not be recorded on the CED.

We enclose a copy of the information you requested at Annex C.

Information disclosed in response to this FOIA request is releasable to the public. In keeping with the spirit and effect of the FOIA and the government's Transparency Agenda, this letter and the information disclosed to you may be placed on [GOV.UK](http://GOV.UK), together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context. No information identifying you will be placed on the GOV.UK website.

We attach Annex A, explaining the copyright that applies to the information being released to you, and Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the address below.

Yours sincerely

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## **Annex A**

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## **Annex B**

### **Complaints**

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