



Department  
for Environment  
Food & Rural Affairs

Nobel House  
Area 1E  
17 Smith Square  
London  
SW1P 3JR

T: 03459 33 55 77  
helpline@defra.gov.uk  
[www.gov.uk/defra](http://www.gov.uk/defra)

[Redacted]

By email [Redacted]

Our ref: FOI2021/07001  
26 March 2021

Dear [Redacted],

### REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Evidence of TB in Badgers

Thank you for your request for information of 11 March 2021 about evidence of TB in badgers. We have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your information request and our response are set out below.

*Further to my previous request for information about Bovine TB in badgers, I am now specifically interested to see the evidence of Bovine TB in badgers within the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trusts badger vaccination project's area and to request sight of all documentation relating to this.*

*If DEFRA does not hold this documentation for some reason, then I would kindly like to know from where it can be obtained.*

Defra does not hold documentation on evidence of bovine TB in badgers within Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust's badger vaccination project area. However, we funded a survey of TB in badgers 'found dead' in the Edge Area counties of England. This survey was carried out by the Universities of Nottingham (for the northern counties) and Surrey (for the southern counties) and comprises two final reports published on 29 October 2020 on the Defra Science Search website. The reports can be found here:

<http://randd.defra.gov.uk/Default.aspx?Menu=Menu&Module=More&Location=None&ProjectID=19579&FromSearch=Y&Publisher=1&SearchText=se3054&SortString=ProjectCode&SortOrder=Asc&Paging=10#Description>

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

[Redacted]

**Information Rights Team**

[InformationRequests@defra.gov.uk](mailto:InformationRequests@defra.gov.uk)

## **Annex A**

### **Copyright**

The information supplied to you continues to be protected by copyright. You are free to use it for your own purposes, including for private study and non-commercial research, and for any other purpose authorised by an exception in current copyright law. Documents (except photographs or logos) can be also used in the UK without requiring permission for the purposes of news reporting. Any other re-use, for example commercial publication, would require the permission of the copyright holder.

Most documents produced by Defra will be protected by Crown Copyright. Most Crown copyright information can be re-used under the [Open Government Licence](#). For information about the OGL and about re-using Crown Copyright information please see [The National Archives website](#).

Copyright in other documents may rest with a third party. For information about obtaining permission from a third party see the [Intellectual Property Office's website](#).

---

## **Annex B**

### **Complaints**

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA or under regulation 11 of the EIRs, as applicable, within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to [Redacted], Head of Information Rights via email at [InformationRequests@defra.gov.uk](mailto:InformationRequests@defra.gov.uk) and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our website.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Please note that generally the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure.

The ICO's offices are currently closed so please visit their website on how to contact them during this period, here:

<https://ico.org.uk>

Additionally if you wish to make a complaint to the ICO please use the following link:

<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/official-information-concerns-report/official-information-concern/>