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### PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about ethnic diversity, which the Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) received on 07 November 2022. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

"For APHA Weybridge only:

1. How many staff are from Black/Asian ethnicity for each directorate and each department.

Ethnicity by Directorate	
Science & Veterinary Directorates	61

2. What are the grades of these Black/Asian staff?

Ethnicity by Grade	
AA/AO	19
EO	18
HEO / SEO	23
G6/G7	Less than 5

3. What is the length of service of these Black/Asian staff?

Ethnicity by Length of Service	Yes
Less than 1 year	19
Less than 2 years	9
Less than 5 years	6
More than 5 years	27

APHA is an Executive Agency of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs and also works on behalf of the Scottish Government, Welsh Government and Food Standards Agency to safeguard animal and plant health for the benefit of people, the environment and the economy.

4. In the last 2 years how many Black/Asian candidates have been inerviewed and how many of these were successful? "

This data is not held. Recruitment is carried out by the Government Recruitment Service (GRS). Once a campaign is completed, applications are destroyed.

Please also be aware that information gathered was taken from voluntarily data supplied by colleagues and does not include those who chose for example 'prefer not to say'. The information was correct at the 30 October 2022.

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the Access to Information Team at the email address below or postal address at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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