



Rural Payments Agency

21 July 2023
Our ref: RFI 6621

Dear [REDACTED],

Environmental Information Regulations – Information Request

We refer to your request for information dated 23 June 2023 which we have dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

You have requested the number of hectares enrolled in each option of the Countryside Stewardship (CS) Scheme between 2018 and the most recent year for which there is data.

Please find the information you have requested in the attached annex.

Please note, the data provided encompasses CS area-based land options enrolled under agreements per year, and not necessarily the areas that have been claimed for payment under each option in each year.

We also attach Annex A below, explaining the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.

What you need to do

If you are not happy with the way we have handled your request, you can ask for an internal review. These requests should be submitted in writing within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original request. You should email your request for a review to IRT@rpa.gov.uk

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision by following the link to the Information Commissioner's website [here](#).

They can also be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted RPA's own complaints procedure.

If you need further information

If you have any questions about this email, you can contact us by email irt@rpa.gov.uk.

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Yours sincerely

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