



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

2 February 2016

Dear

ATISN 10083 Bovine TB: Why has IAA Badger vaccination project been suspended?

Thank you for your request which was received on 6 January 2016 asking;

1. Why did Deputy Minister for Farming and Food, Rebecca Evans AM announce in Dec 2015 that due to a global shortage of the BCG vaccine the IAA project will be suspended, when UNICEF published a report in the same month saying that additional supplier licences had been granted and that total demand for BCG will be fully met in 2016, and
2. What advice did the TB Team supply the minister.

In response to the first part of your request, UNICEF acts as a procurement body for some but not all countries. So while UNICEF has now increased confidence of supply/demand in 2016, it does not necessarily reflect the worldwide situation. Public Health (England) and Defra are limited to Statens Serum Institute (SSI) to produce vaccine. SSI has already stated that they won't be able to supply us with 'BadgerBCG vaccine' in 2016.

In response to the second part of your request, please find enclosed the briefing advice that was provided to the Deputy Minister by the TB Policy Team, in support of the statement made on 1st December 2015.

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Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

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SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

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