

From:
Sent: 20 June 2016
To:

Subject: FoI request Rural Payments Wales

Dear ,

ATISN 10458 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information which I received on 20th and 23rd of May 2016, asking for further details regarding the investigation into confirmed poisoning incidents discovered in the Brecon Beacons National Park between October 2012 and October 2013.

You asked:

1. Please can you tell me the date (day/month/year) that RPW first became aware of these poisoning incidents?

RPW first became aware of the poisoning incidents on 5 December 2013.

2. Please could you provide information about the extent and type of enquiries RPW conducted when 'considering the offences in question and concluding there was insufficient evidence to proceed with cross compliance action'?

A formal police investigation was underway in this case and RPW undertook a review of the documentary evidence.

3. Have the two claimants been informed by RPW of the SMR1 and SMR9 breaches on their land?

No, RPW has not established any breaches to SMR1 and SMR9 on their land.

4. Have the two claimants been interviewed by RPW about the incidents on their land?

No.

5. Can copies of any correspondence between RPW and the claimants about these incidents be supplied (with personal details redacted)?

RPW has had no contact with the claimants over these incidents.

6. What steps has RPW taken to prevent a reoccurrence of these breaches?

RPW undertakes a programme of annual on site visits to farm businesses to ensure cross compliance requirements are respected.

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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