

23 October 2017

Dear ,

## Complaint in respect of Request for Information – reference ATISN 11514.

I have investigated your complaint and completed my review as to whether Welsh Government has withheld information from you.

My interpretation of your Request for Information is that you were asking for a detailed protocol or instructions in relation to herds selected for badger interventions. It may have been appropriate for officials to have clarified with you at the time the exact information you were requesting.

I confirm that Welsh Government does not hold the information you have requested, i.e. a detailed protocol or instructions in relation to herds selected for badger interventions, other than the document already supplied to you. I have attached the "Protocol to establish badger involvement in chronic herd breakdowns", again for your information.

The Animal and Plant Health Agency, who deliver Welsh Government policy, hold operational instructions and guidance on disease investigations for veterinary case managers dealing with the enhanced management of persistent herd breakdowns. These documents may provide the detail you are requesting. You can ask them for the information at -

Animal and Plant Health Agency Access to Information Team Weybourne Building Ground Floor Woodham Lane New Haw Addlestone Surrey KT15 3NB

Email: enquiries@apha.gsi.gov.uk

If you prefer I can transfer your request to them. Please inform me in writing if you would like me to transfer your request.

If you remain dissatisfied with this response you also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

Tel: 01625 545 745 Fax: 01625 524 510

Email: <a href="mailto:casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk">casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk</a>

Also, if you think that there has been maladministration in dealing with your request, you have the option to make a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales who can be contacted at:

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales 1 Ffordd yr Hen Gae Pencoed Bridgend CF35 5LJ

Telephone: 0845 6010987 (local rate) Email: ask@ombudsman-wales.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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