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22 February 2023

Dear [REDACTED]

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 20 February 2023 which sought the following information:

- The number of dead badgers collected at the roadside across Northern Ireland over each of the last 3 years, and also for the year 2011/2012
- The number of collected samples that were subsequently tested for TB in each of the above years
- The number and proportion of badgers that were subsequently found to be infected with TB in each of the above years
- Could I also separately request the above information just for County Fermanagh.

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds the information you requested which is attached as **Annex A**.

If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the manner in which your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing [daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk) or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Ballykelly House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

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If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE, SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,

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**Veterinary Services Animal Health Group**

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## BADGER DEATHS - ROADSIDE COLLECTION AND TESTING

Year	Collected	Tested	Positive	% Positive
2011	198	144	17	11.8%
2012	255	232	36	15.5%
2020	282	248	34	13.7%
2021	420	373	61	16.4%
2022	442	409	100*	26.0%*

\*25 test results not available yet

## County Fermanagh

Year	Collected	Tested	Positive	% Positive
2011	9	3	1	33.3%
2012	15	6	2	33.3%
2020	11	8	4	50.0%
2021	30	25	3	12.0%
2022	18	18	5	27.8%