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Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received by the Department on 20 February 2024 which you sought the information in bold below. Please accept our apologies for this reply not being issued yesterday as previously advised.

- 1. Details - and findings - of all testing of farm animals, food products (including meat/dairy), animal feed, and farm premises for antibiotic resistant pathogens in NI, carried out or held by DAERA NI, for the time span November 2021 to the current date.**
- 2. Please supply information, in as much detail as possible, of the testing carried out, e.g. Salmonella in retail poultry meat or pig/cattle carcasses / live animals; the pathogens found, e.g. E.coli, LA MRSA, Salmonella; and details of resistance found e.g. tetracyclines, macrolodes etc**
- 3. Please supply-where possible-any data held in Excel or spreadsheet format**

The Department has completed its search and can confirm it holds some of the information requested which is provided in **Annex A**.

Further information may be available from Agri-Food & Biosciences Institute (AFBI) and the contact details for AFBI are: foi.officer@afbini.gov.uk

DAERA also carries out EU AMR monitoring, DAERA do not hold these results as they are uploaded by AFBI directly to EFSA and publicly reported with an EFSA report available at <https://www.efsa.europa.eu/en/efsajournal/pub/8583>
For your information it takes considerable time after testing before results are assimilated and reported on in the agreed format.

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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 way 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@daerani.gov.uk or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

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.

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