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Information on special measures for persistent breakdown with DAERA TB Policy which is not openly

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Dear [Redacted]

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your email received by the Department on 8 June 2026 which you sought the information in bold below.

- **Any information on any special escalation pathway, for special measures for persistent breakdowns, within DAERA TB policy which is not openly advertised.**

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that there is currently no special escalation pathway for persistent breakdowns.

As part of the ongoing TB Transformation Programme, and in accordance with the Bovine Tuberculosis in Northern Ireland Blueprint for Eradication, DAERA have started work to establish a taskforce to conduct an in depth epidemiological investigation in herds with prolonged and recurring breakdowns. The aim is to develop bespoke interventions and advice for such herds. This work is ongoing and details will be available when the work has been completed, but cannot be released while the policy is still under development.

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Yours sincerely,



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