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Dear [REDACTED]

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

I refer to your request for information received by the Department on 17 June 2026 which sought the following information:

**On Monday 15th June 2026 DAERA Minister Andrew Muir MLA met with new USPCA Chair Baroness Sue Gray and Chief Executive Heather Weir today to discuss the vital work of the USPCA plus future policy & legislation to safeguard animal welfare and opportunities to constructively work together.**

**I would wish to receive the minutes of this meeting and or notes taken during discussions.**

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds all of the information you requested.

The information held which can be disclosed is attached at **Annex B**.

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The Department has decided not to disclose some of the information you requested as it considers the following exemption of the Freedom of Information Act: Section 40(2) and 40(3A) - Third Party personal data of which you are not the data subject.

In these instances, the Department is required to consider if disclosure would breach the first Data Protection Principle, which states that processing must be lawful, fair and transparent.

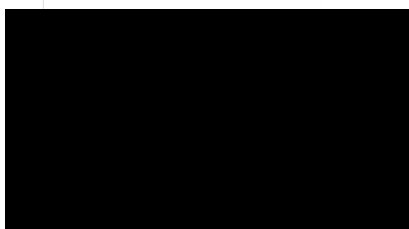
The Department has considered this element with the test attached at **Annex A** and has determined that no lawful basis for disclosure under FOI exists. Please bear in mind that any disclosure must be considered in terms of disclosure to the “world at large” and not just to you, the requestor. Consequently, third party personal data falling under the scope of this request has been withheld.

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, 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.

Yours sincerely,



**Veterinary Service Animal Health Group**

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