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Dear [REDACTED]

## **Environmental Information Regulations 2004**

Thank you for your email received by the Department on 15 July 2026 which you sought the information in bold below.

**I request the following information relating to bovine tuberculosis (bTB) in Northern Ireland.**

**Please provide copies of the most recent and comprehensive maps held by DAERA showing the geographical distribution of bovine TB strains, spoligotypes, genotypes, or any other genetic characterisation of *Mycobacterium bovis* identified in cattle and/or badgers in Northern Ireland, including maps relating to specific localities or regions.**

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm we hold information in relation to your request.

If you are deaf or have a hearing difficulty you can contact the Department via the Next Generation Text Relay Service by dialling 18001 + telephone number.

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Badgers – Please see attached map at Annex A

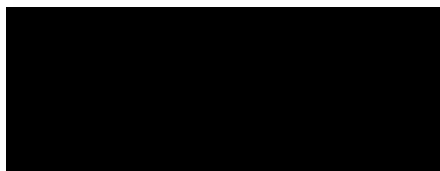
Cattle – Please note DAERA hold this information but not in a format that can be shared via a pdf. map. DAERA have a meeting scheduled with you on 19<sup>th</sup> August and will be happy to discuss and display information on screen at that time, and any request could be refined after this.

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@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,



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