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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act 2000

With regard to your request for information received by the Department on 20 July 2026 and your clarification received on 21 July 2026 which sought the following information:

- 1. The number of external reports commissioned by the Department in relation to service reconfiguration/reform of any part of the service it provides each year of the last ten years, the cost of the report and the number of pages it contains.**

Clarification: Can we limit the definition of 'external reports' to reports commissioned by the Department in relation to service reconfiguration/reform of any part of the service it provides

- 2. How many of the recommendations relating to the Department in each of those reports have been implemented - i.e. 6 recommendations out of 15 implemented**

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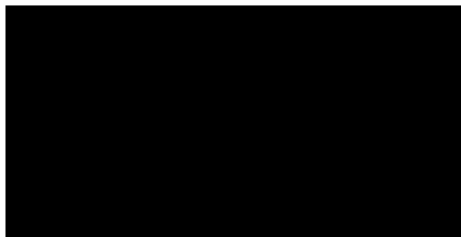
I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds the information you requested which is contained in the attached **Annex A**.

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 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