

Item	Public Sector Deployment	Private Sector Deployment
General assumptions		
Price year used	All cost estimates provided in 2026/27 prices. Where cost estimate related to a year previous to 2026/27, they were uplifted by the GDP Deflator and presented as a cost estimate in 2026/27 prices.	Same as public sector deployment.
DAERA Staff Cost	From DAERA Staff Cost Ready Reckoner 2026-27, supplied by Finance Division	
Wildlife intervention costs per 100km2 area - Background evidence for all cost information can be found in container AE1/26/1373418		
Cage Trapping		
Staff training time and cost for both internal and external courses	Vet. Service used exp. with TVR pilot to estimate training time by grade of staff for deployment. Time was multiplied by Ready Reckoner Staff Cost per grade per hour/day etc. to arrive at cost estimate.	
External training courses cost (e.g. for 4x4 driving/trailer towing)	Vet. Service used experience with TVR pilot to estimate. Estimated costs uplifted to 2026/27 prices.	
Labour for cage trapping	Vet. Service originally estimated used experience of TVR Pilot to estimate labour required by grade of staff. It involves various staff being involved for: (i) two weeks of preparation; (ii) one week of "tidy up"; and (iii) three weeks of deployment per 100km2 area, where the first two weeks of deployment simply get the resurveying of runs completed, cages sited, and the badgers used to coming into cages to eat bait. The third week of deployment closes the trap, and badgers get treated (e.g. with Cull, TVR, Vacc. etc.). Staff time multiplied by Staff Cost per grade to arrive at cost estimate.	
Variable overhead costs (that do vary by how many areas are included in WL intervention)		
Sett Survey Costs	Need to know where setts are located in order to best site Cages/Restraints or Night Shooters. Vet. Service used experience with TVR pilot to estimate time	Same as public sector deployment.

	required by grade of staff per 100km ² area. Time multiplied by Staff Cost per grade to arrive at cost estimate.	
Veterinary Epidemiology Unit (VEU) Epidemiologists	Epidemiologists required to help plan intervention, and how it evolves over time. These staff tend to be Grade 7 equivalent. One FTE could cover 12 x 100km ² areas. Therefore, assumed 0.0833 for one 100km ² area. Multiplied by Staff Cost per G7 to arrive at cost estimate.	Same as public sector deployment.
Private or Public sector deployment monitoring	0.3 FTE AHWI per 100km ² Area	Assumed to be the same for all options (Nov. 25)
Fixed overhead costs (no matter how many areas included in WL intervention)		
Database Development Officer for information recording	0.1 EO1 per yr (VEU staff member). Same time required no matter how many 100km ² areas are allocated for WL intervention deployment. Time multiplied by DAERA Staff Cost.	Same as public sector deployment.