



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

Date/ Dyddiad: 6 April 2018

Dear

ATISN 12157

Thank you for your request which I received on 9 March 2018 about prosecutions and investigations relating to interference with a bovine TB skin test.

The information you requested is enclosed at annex 1.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,
Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

or Email: FreedomOfInformationOfficer@wales.gsi.gov.uk

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

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Annex 1

Please see below a copy of your request for information. Please note that local authorities are the statutory enforcers of the Tuberculosis (Wales) Order 2010 (as amended), as such, the information held by Welsh Government will not always be complete or necessarily up to date regarding investigations, arrests, charges, prosecutions or convictions.

You requested:

a) For each of the years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017, please provide:

i) The total number of successful convictions achieved in relation to any charge concerning the interference with a bovine TB skin test.

ii) For each case, please provide the name and address of the offender, the full charges including the relevant act, order or regulation and the result.

The Welsh Government is not aware of any successful convictions relating to any charge concerning the interference with a bovine TB skin test for the years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

b) For the years 2015, 2016 and 2017, please provide:

i) The total number of court prosecutions that did not result in a successful conviction in relation to any charge concerning the interference with a bovine TB skin test.

ii) For each case, please provide details of the relevant act, order or regulation under which the prosecution was brought and the details of the relevant local authority area.

2 court prosecutions did not result in a successful conviction in relation to any charge concerning the interference with a bovine TB skin test.

Powys Local Authority has investigated one case, and 45 counts of fraud relating to interference with a bovine TB skin test were brought under the Fraud Act 2006, Section 2 (fraud by false representation).

Ceredigion Local Authority investigated a case relating to interference with a bovine TB skin test. Welsh Government does not hold information relating to the relevant act, order or regulation relating to the charges brought for this case.

c) For the years 2015, 2016 and 2017, please provide:

i) The total number of investigations, arrests, charges or other enforcement action that did not result in a court prosecution in relation to any suspected offence concerning the interference with a bovine TB skin test.

ii) For each case, please provide details of the relevant local authority area.

Welsh Government is aware of one investigation that was carried out by Carmarthenshire local authority in the years 2015, 2016 and 2017; this did not result in a court prosecution.

d) The name and address of any person who is currently charged with any offence concerning the interference with a bovine TB skin test. Please also provide full details of the charges and details of the relevant crown or magistrates' court.

Welsh Government is not aware of any ongoing legal cases relating to the interference with a bovine TB skin test.