

Date/Dyddiad: 6 April 2020

Dear

ATISN13866 TB containment

Thank you for your request which I received on 12 March 2020 about 'the number of badgers that have been humanely euthanised in Wales over the last 5 years to contain the spread of TB' and 'the total cost of this'.

A copy of the information I have decided to release is enclosed in the links provided below.

- *Information on the number of badgers that have been humanely euthanized in Wales over the last five years to contain the spread of TB and the total cost of this*

The badger trap and test operations began in 2017 following the publication of the Wales bovine tuberculosis (TB) Eradication programme and the associated Delivery plan. To date there has been 3 years of operations.

The information for the first and second year of interventions, 2017 and 2018, can be found in the APHA trap and test delivery reports, links provided below. The 2019 trap and test delivery report is currently being drafted and will be available in the coming months.

2017 report - <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-03/bovine-tb-badger-trapping-and-testing-on-chronic-tb-breakdown-farms-2017.pdf>

2018 report - <https://gov.wales/sites/default/files/publications/2020-03/bovine-tb-badger-trapping-and-testing-on-chronic-tb-breakdown-farms-2018.pdf>

2019 - The 2019 trap and test report is currently being drafted, and is due to be published soon. The number of badgers humanely euthanised in 2019 is 35. The cost of the 2019 operations has not yet been finalised but will be published in the 2019 report.

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CF10 3NQ

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Yours sincerely