

25 August 2020

Dear

ATISN14212 - Badger bTB tests

Thank you for your email received on 4 August requesting an update on the Badger Found Dead Survey in Wales and information regarding Whole Genome Sequencing studies. The information you requested, where available, is provided below.

1. Please could you provide an update on the Badger Found Dead Survey in Wales, including spoligotyping for each Tb Area of Wales, similar to the information provided in previous requests?

You have not specified the time period to be covered in your request for information. Please find below tables summarising the results of the All Wales Badger Found Dead Survey for the period 1 September 2018 to 31 January 2020. This is the latest period where we have complete results and is aligned with the same period covered in a report currently being produced which the Welsh Government intends to publish.

Table 1: Results allocated to the Welsh TB Incidence Areas

AREA	Sampled	Negative	Positive	Percentage
High TB Area East	102	83	19	18.63%
High TB Area West	128	116	12	9.38%
Intermediate TB Area North	48	45	3	6.25%
Intermediate TB Area Mid	109	103	6	5.50%
Low TB Area	69	69	0	0.00%
Total	456	416	40	8.77%

Table 2: Results of genotyping positive isolates of *M. bovis* from badger carcasses.

AREA	Genotype					Total
	9:b	9:c	9:u	17:a	22:a	
High TB Area East		4		8	7	19
High TB Area West	11		1			12
Intermediate TB Area North				2	1	3
Intermediate TB Area Mid	1			5		6
Low TB Area						0
Total	12	4	1	15	8	40

2. Are Whole Genome Sequencing studies being carried out in relation to badgers and reactor cattle in each respective Tb area of Wales and/or on farms where badger intervention is in progress?

Welsh Government do not hold this information, you will need to contact Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA).

3. If yes, please could you include the data in your response?

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4. Will WGS data of badgers and cattle be published in a formal report? If yes, what is the intended date of publication?

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Yours sincerely