

23 July 2021

Dear ,

## **ATISN15288 Badger Cull licenses**

### **Information requested**

Thank you for your request which I received on 1 July 2021. You asked for:

1. How many licences to kill badgers have been issued in 2021 under the Welsh Government TB Eradication Plan?
2. What are the start and end dates for each of these licences?
3. What is the total area of land covered by all of these licences?
4. How many farms where badgers have been killed under the eradication plan in previous years have gone clear of TB in cattle?

### **Our response**

The information you requested is enclosed.

1. How many licences to kill badgers have been issued in 2021 under the Welsh Government TB Eradication Plan?

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2. What are the start and end dates for each of these licences?

The licencing period for the first license was between 3 May 2021 and 30 June 2021.

The licencing period for the second license is between 17 May 2021 and 30 September 2021.

The licencing period for the third license is between 24 May 2021 and 30 September 2021.

The licencing period for the fourth license is between 7 June 2021 and 31 December 2021.

The licencing period for the fifth license is between 28 June 2021 and 31 December 2021.

3. What is the total area of land covered by all of these licences?

11.87km2

4. How many farms where badgers have been killed under the eradication plan in previous years have gone clear of TB in cattle?

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### **Next steps**

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: [Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales](mailto:Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales)

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