By email

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Our ref: 01/07/lh/166

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Dear Ms Anova

Re: Ocular Toxocariasis

Thank you for your email dated 1 July 2016 in which you ask for the number of confirmed Ocular Toxocariasis (ocular larva migrans) cases in England during 2015. Your email has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act.

You asked:

*Please would you be so kind as to supply the number of confirmed ocular Toxocariasis (ocular larva migrans) cases in England during 2015? If the figure is not yet available, please would you supply the figure for the previous year, or the nearest year? Also, if possible, please could you supply for comparison the number of confirmed cases for any years that you have available to compare whether the number of cases is increasing or decreasing annually.*

In accordance with Section 1(1)(a) of the FOI Act, I can confirm that Public Health England (PHE) does not hold the information you have requested. PHE’s Toxocara reporting is based on routine laboratory data from the Second Generation Surveillance System (SGSS), and is available in the UK Zoonosis Report. PHE rarely receives clinical information through this system, and are therefore unable to say how many cases had ocular symptoms. The most recent publication presents data up to 2014: [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/zoonoses-summary-report-uk-2014](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/zoonoses-summary-report-uk-2014) (page 16, combined England and Wales data)

If you have any queries regarding the information that has been supplied to you, please refer your query to me in writing in the first instance. If you remain dissatisfied and would like to request an internal review, then please contact us at the address above or by emailing foi@phe.gov.uk

Please note that you have the right to an independent review by the Information Commissioner’s Office if a complaint cannot be resolved through the PHE complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner’s Office can be contacted by writing to Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer