

03 April 2024

Dear Dr Buckley

**Environmental Information Regulations Request Reference No: 202403387**

Thank you for your request for information regarding:

1. How many work place reportable incidents you have received between 06.12.2023 and the date that you run the search in respect of this request, assumed after 22.03.2024) in respect of workers that became infected with the reportable disease *Brucella canis* in each (broken down by type of workplace) of the following workplaces: i. veterinary practices, ii. laboratories processing human blood samples, iii. laboratories processing animal samples?

Please could you split this sample by:

b. whether the person was diagnostically-positive only (i.e. no clinical signs, only identified by serology, culture, or PCR), or diagnostically positive + clinical signs.

2. For people that tested positive for *brucella canis* and had clinical signs, please could you indicate:

a. how many required hospitalisation

b. how many died?

Finally, please could you indicate for question (1):

a) how many of these incidents occurred in 2023 and how many in 2024

b) how many occurred in i) Wales, ii) England, iii) Scotland

Your request was received on 22 March 2024 and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Environment Information Regulations 2004.

I can confirm that the Health and Safety Executive received no reports of workers becoming infected with *Brucella Canis* for the period 06 December 2023 – 22 March 2024.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the decisions made by HSE you may ask for an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this letter by writing to me.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via their website – <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/> or via the following postal address:

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Yours sincerely

Local Disclosure Officer