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Interchange Unit

# Hosting Opportunity Proforma

Name of Host

Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA)

Organisation

**1. Interchange Manager’s details**

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**Higher Scientific Officer (HSO)**

Secondment – 2 years with the possibility of an extension, subject to the agreement of all parties.

Type of

Opportunity

**2. Details of hosting opportunity**

1. **Description of opportunity**

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| To provide expertise to support DAERA in wildlife, particularly badger, related work.  DAERA has a badger intervention research project (TVR) which is entering its final year. It has also recently consulted on its response to the TB Strategic Partnership Group’s recommendations. The TBSPG’s objective is to address the bTB reservoir in badgers to help eradicate bTB in cattle herds and contribute to the health of the badger population.  It is uncertain what approach will be taken, however, DAERA is currently conducting field work to gather information that can be provided to a Minister to assist them in making a decision.  The role is related to this work and the implementation of any policy upon which a Minister may decide. It provides the opportunity to use, and build on, existing knowledge of badger ecology; planning and organisation of badger capture and survey exercises; the use of IT, particularly mapping technologies, to plan and manage a number of such exercises concurrently; the opportunity to lead and provide expert advice to teams on the ground; the interpretation of data and application to capture/survey work; to improve the efficiency of DAERA’s work |

1. **Main objectives of the opportunity**

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| **Job Description**  **MAIN AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY**   * Planning and preparation for area based badger sett surveys and badger capture projects. This would involve assessment of the area, arranging provision of field maps, input to production of mailing lists, coordination with IT to ensure handheld technologies can be used for field data capture and management, planning the efficient deployment of available staff. This may also apply to other wildlife survey work, e.g. deer, should the need arise. * Quality assuring field work, providing advice to staff to improve efficiency, assisting with field work. * Oversight, monitoring and reporting of progress. Problem solving and elevating issues as appropriate. * Developing own expertise. * Providing technical advice to management. * Training and development of staff to maintain an adequate field skills base within DAERA on badger work. |

**3. Skills requirements**

What qualities, skills and experience is required from the individual

**Essential Criteria**

* Experience in staff management
* Knowledge and experience of working on badger capture and sett survey projects within the last 3 years.
* Expertise in badger ecology and behaviour in Northern Ireland.
* Knowledge of DAERA mapping systems and their application to area based projects.
* Knowledge and experience of the use of electronic data capture technologies in field projects. Ability to work with and advise IT developers in order to ensure the appropriate collection and display of recorded data.

**4. Personnel: Please state below**

Who will the individual report to?

Roly Harwood - Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) – Veterinary Service Animal Health Group (VSAHG)

Who will be the individual’s line manager and/or reporting officer?

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NB: The above may be subject to change dependent on business needs/developments.

**5. Transfer of learning**

Please give details of how the Opportunity will benefit your organisation, the individual and their organisation.

**Individual**

The individual will benefit from working in a developing area and therefore extending their expertise and experience.

**Parent Organisation**

The parent organisation will benefit from having a member of staff with up to date skills, knowledge and experience that could be applied in a combined scientific/service delivery capacity. It would therefore strengthen AFBI’s marketability in this area.

**Host Organisation**

Will provide a person with proven expertise in badger work that will ultimately develop an important skills base within DAERA, whilst ensuring the short to medium term delivery of important wildlife related work.

**6. Logistics**

Please provide details of the likely start date, duration, location, resources (i.e. desk, PC, fax etc.) and funding arrangements for the opportunity.

**Start Date:** The objective is for the successful candidate to be in post with immediate effect.

**Duration:** This opportunity will be for 2 years from commencing date of appointment with the possibility of an extension, subject to the agreement of all parties.

The post-holder will be based at:

Dundonald House

Upper Newtownards Road

Belfast

BT4 3SB

**Selection:** Interview

**Salary Scale:** £29,317 - £31,446.

**Funding:** Salary and other related costs will be met by Department of Agriculture Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) – Veterinary Service Animal Health Group (VSAHG)

**Contact:** For further information please contact Roly Harwood by email at [roly.harwood@daera-ni.gov.uk](mailto:roly.harwood@daera-ni.gov.uk) or Telephone Number 028 9052 0920

**Closing Date:** 5.00pm on Friday 02 March 2018

**7. Endorsement**

**Interchange Manager**

Roly Harwood

Signed

19 February 2018

Date