Request for <u>anonymous</u> information regarding private venomous animal collections in UK

The UK Department of Health has stock piled antivenoms to treat anybody in UK who has been bitten or stung by a venomous animal. The Dept of Health wish to update their antivenom inventory so that it is medically appropriate for the species of venomous animals kept in the UK. **This requires a list of the venomous animal species (and the number of specimens) held in private collections, zoos and research establishments.**

If you keep venomous animals I would very much appreciate your completing this form. Please send it to me anonymously, by post or by email, and I will compile it with the other responses received and send the entire list to the Dept of Health. The **ONLY** reason for this form is to help ensure that the Dept of Health purchases antivenom for the venomous animals in your collection, and collections like yours. **This information could be critically important if you are unfortunate enough to get bitten or stung.** Similar forms have been sent to zoos and research establishments.

Please send the completed form to me at the address below.

<u>The information should be submitted anonymously and is for your medical benefit.</u>

With very many thanks for your cooperation.
Rob Harrison
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Please attach additional sheet if required.

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