

FOI number: **HBC\_FOI\_20200692**  
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Department: **Environmental Health**  
Title: **Animal Welfare Section 10 notices**  
Description: **Animal Welfare Act 2006**

**Request:** (As Redacted sent by requestor)

**Inspectors:**

- How many Inspectors are currently employed to carry out inspections under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 at your local authority?
- Of these, how many inspectors have received formal training for animal health and welfare and when did they receive this training?

**Improvement Notices:**

- How many s.10 Improvement Notices under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 were issued in your Council Area between 2015 to present?
- Please list the different areas/animals in which the Improvement Notices were related e.g., farmed animals, zoo animals, domestic pets, etc. Please provide a number of Improvement Notices listed for each group.
- Does a vet help a local authority Inspector complete a s.10 Improvement Notice on every occasion? If not, when would a vet help to complete an Improvement Notice? How many occasions in total did a vet help an Inspector complete an Improvement Notice?
- How many s.10 Improvement Notices resulted in a positive change in the welfare of the animal(s) concerned, with no further action taken?
- How many s.10 Improvement Notices were extended beyond the original specified time period? Of those that were extended, how long were they extended by?
- How many prosecutions under s.4 and s.9 were commenced under the Animal Welfare Act 2006 as a result of a failure to comply with a s.10 Improvement Notice? If possible, please also provide which area/group of animals the prosecutions related to.

**Improvement Notice Templates:**

- Does your Council Area have a template for Inspectors to use when issuing an s.10 Improvement Notice?
- What guidance do you issue to Inspectors to ensure they are complying with the requirements set out in s.10 Animal Welfare Act 2006.

**Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)**

We never adopted the Animal Welfare Act 2006, therefore unable to provide information requested.

If you have any queries about the processing of your request then please do not hesitate to contact me. Further information explaining the Council's process for responding to information requests together with a complaints/appeals procedure is available in our reception or via our website at:

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Please include the above reference number on all correspondence related to this request.

Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

Information Services