

13 November 2019

Our ref: 5712852

Thank you for your request received on 16 October 2019, for the following information:

Please could you provide me with the following information (table template provided below for ease):

1) How many dedicated animal health and welfare staff in your Local Authority (by FTE) in each the following years: 2017, 2018, 2019?

2) How many dedicated on-farm animal health and welfare staff in your authority for these years?

3) How many farm inspections/visits did your Local Authority carry out in each of these years? (If possible, please split between proactive and reactive visits)

4) How many prosecutions for farm animal welfare offences has your Local Authority made in each of these years?

If it does not exceed the time limit, please also provide the following:

5) The amount of resource applied to animal health and welfare in these years.

We have processed this request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Response

I can confirm that London Borough of Barnet holds the information you requested. However, we consider that the following exceptions apply to some of the information requested.

We consider that Regulation 6(1)(b) applies to the information requested because the information requested is already publicly available and easily accessible.

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2017

0

2018

0

2019

0

2) How many dedicated on-farm animal health and welfare staff in your authority for these years?

0

3) How many farm inspections/visits did your Local Authority carry out in each of these years? (If possible, please split between proactive and reactive visits)

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4) How many prosecutions for farm animal welfare offences has your Local Authority made in each of these years?

If it does not exceed the time limit, please also provide the following:

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5) The amount of resource applied to animal health and welfare in these years.

Information not held in format requested. The EH function is delivered on behalf of Barnet by Re, a joint venture between the London Borough of Barnet and Capita. There is no specific budget for animal welfare and health (on farm) but these activities would be carried out by the licensing team as and when required.

The Re Contract can be found on our website using the following link
<https://open.barnet.gov.uk/dataset/regional-enterprise-ltd-re-contract>

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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