

21 November 2019

Our ref: 5763968

Thank you for your request received on 4 November 2019, for the following information:

I would be grateful if you could treat this request as a freedom of information request (or a request made under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, if this is deemed more appropriate).

Please could you tell me:

1. How many farms in your jurisdiction have been inspected by your department on animal welfare grounds in the last 12 months and, in each case, what triggered the inspection (e.g. complaint from the public, complaint from another government department, complaint from the RSPCA, etc.)

2. How many of those inspections led to legal action being taken against a farm

I do not require the names of the farms, any personal details or specific details of the complaints.

I would also be grateful if you could tell me how many farms which rear animals (of any kind) are currently operating in your jurisdiction.

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

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

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2. How many of those inspections led to legal action being taken against a farm

I do not require the names of the farms, any personal details or specific details of the complaints.

I would also be grateful if you could tell me how many farms which rear animals (of any kind) are currently operating in your jurisdiction.

We have had no complaint in relation to animal welfare at farms in the past 12 months.

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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Your rights

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If, having exhausted our review procedure, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you will have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 0303 123 1113; website www.ico.org.uk). There is no charge for making an appeal.