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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI699820210

Thank you for your request for information relating to Farmed Animal Welfare Enforcement (2019–2024).

You have requested the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding your local authority's responsibilities for enforcing farmed animal welfare legislation under the Official Controls Regulation (EU) 2017/625, which remains part of UK law.

Please provide the following information covering the years 2019 to 2024, broken down by year where possible:

1. The number of farmed animal welfare inspections conducted by your authority.

Nil.

2. The number of cases of non-compliance identified as a result of those inspections.

Nil.

- 3. The number of enforcement actions taken, including:
- o Improvement notices
- o Fixed penalty notices
- o Prosecutions

Not applicable Nil.

4. Whether the council has produced and published an annual enforcement report on farmed animal welfare as required under Article 11 of the Official Controls Regulation. o If yes, please provide a copy or a link.

No.

5. The number of formal welfare complaints related to farmed animals received by the council, and how many led to inspections.

We hold the information which you have asked for, but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

The information is not held in a reportable format. It would require an officer to manually trawl through every enquiry and due to the numbers involved, this will exceed 18 hours. This part of your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

6. The number of staff currently employed or contracted to carry out farmed animal welfare inspections or enforcement.

None.

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For information, we publish a variety of information such as: <u>FOI/EIR Disclosure Log</u>, <u>Publication Scheme</u>, <u>Facts about Coventry</u> and <u>Open Data</u> that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email icocasework@ico.org.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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