



My Ref: FOI 5727  
Enquiries to: Information Requests  
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Dear Requester,

**Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

**I'm a student at the Royal Veterinary College and am currently in the process of writing a report regarding enforcement action of the Animal Welfare Act 2006 and the Animal Health Act 1981. Please see below questions that I'm requesting answers for under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. If possible, I would like the information split into a yearly basis and the details each case split. I'm happy to have the information in a PDF/Excel sheet/Word document etc. via this email. Please do let me know if any needs to be clarified. Kind regards, Alice Harsant**

We are only able to provide data since 2020.

**QUESTIONS**

**The number of premises holding livestock in the county**

In the Borough there are 390

**The number of animal inspectors within the department (including full and part time)**

**2 (includes animal activity licencing role)**

**The total number of animal health and welfare complaints between 2007 - 2025 (ideally delivered in a yearly split)**

2020: 33  
2021: 28  
2022: 49  
2023: 46  
2024: 50  
2025: 40

**The total number of farms visited between 2007 - 2025 (ideally delivered in a yearly split)**

2020: 5  
2021: 0  
2022: 0  
2023: 4  
2024: 2  
2025: 1

**The total number of visits to other non-farm species between 2007-2025 and what these species were.**

We are unable to provide this information within the time constraints of a freedom of information request.

**The total number of investigations opened**

This is not something we can retrieve as data.

**The number of initiated prosecutions (prosecution proceedings begun and dropped) and completed prosecution cases under: The Animal Welfare Act 2006 between 2007 - 2025 The Animal Health Act 1981 between 2007-2025**

We can only provide details for 2020 onwards and no such proceedings specifically in relation to the above legislation was taken during this period.

**Additional data of these prosecutions (both intended and completed) requested are: The charge/s initially made against the premise/persons/company Of these charge/s, were there any that were dropped or dismissed and if so, why The plea of the defendant The outcome of the case including if it was settled outside of court or within court and if so, was it in Magistrates Court or Crown Court Any appeals made against the prosecution**

Not applicable

**Additional data of the premise/persons/company who was prosecuted (both intended and completed) are: The number of complaints made against said premise/persons/company The nature of any said complaint/s made against said premise/persons/company The date of the first complaint/s made against said premise/persons/company The date of the first visit to said premise/persons/company Number of visits to said premise/persons/company Number of improvement notices or enforcement notices served prior to prosecution against said premise/persons/company Whether the said premise/persons/company has any previous conviction/s and if so, the number of these which are under the 'The Animal Welfare Act 2006' and/or 'The Animal Health Act 1981'.**

Not applicable

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Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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