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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 1408

I write further to your email dated 02 December 2020.

Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), explained on our [freedom of information](#) page.

Your request:

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.

Our response:

North West Leicestershire District Council has one inspector who has not been formally trained and we have never issued an improvement notice.

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If you remain dissatisfied following the conclusion of the above informal review, you have the right to ask for an internal review. A request for a review whether formal or informal should be submitted within two calendar months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be sent to DPO@NWLeicestershire.gov.uk or the address above.

Further details on our appeals and complaints procedure can be found on our website [here](#).

If you remain dissatisfied following the conclusion of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at accessicoinformation@ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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