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Title: Animal Welfare

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Information Request

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act') to please request the following information in relation to farm animal species only during the year of 2020:

1. Do you enforce farmed animal welfare legislation?
 - a. if not why? e.g. no farms, a different local authority does
 - b. if a different local authority enforces this legislation in your area, please inform us which one?

2. How many welfare complaints did you receive in relation to the following:
 - a. On-farm animal welfare;
 - b. Welfare at markets; and,
 - c. Welfare during transport?
 - d. Welfare at a border post?

3. How many welfare complaints did you investigate in relation to the following:
 - a. On-farm animal welfare;
 - b. Welfare at markets; and,
 - c. Welfare during transport?
 - d. Welfare at a border post?

4. How many prosecution proceedings did you commence for offences named in the Animal Welfare Act 2006?
 - a. Of those proceedings, how many resulted in a successful prosecution?

5. How many improvement notices did you serve under section 10 of the Animal Welfare Act 2006 for failures to comply with section 9(1) of that Act?

6. How many prosecution proceedings did you commence for offences named in Section 7 of the Welfare of Farmed Animals (England) Regulations 2007?
 - a. Of those proceedings, how many resulted in a successful prosecution?

7. How many compliance notices were issued by your inspectors for failures to comply with the Welfare of Animals (Transport) (England) Order 2006?
 8. How many prosecution proceedings did you commence for offences named in the Welfare of Animals at Markets Order 1990?
 - a. Of those proceedings, how many resulted in a successful prosecution?
 9. How many individuals subject to any of the above enforcement action had previously committed an animal welfare offence?
 10. How many people do you employ to carry out farm animal welfare inspections as part of their duties?
 - a. How many farm animal welfare inspections did they complete?
 11. How many people do you employ to carry out enforcement of the Animal Health Act 1981 as part of their duties?
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Response by Lewes District Council

I have reviewed your request and investigated whether there is any information which can be disclosed to you and have found that **Lewes District Council** does not hold the information you have requested.

Lewes District Council is not responsible for Farmed Animal Welfare. I understand that the responsible authority is DEFRA so you may wish to contact them and this can be done via –

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/contact-defra>