

Environmental Information Regulations – Response - 26678

The information I am requesting is as follows:

1. The number of premises holding livestock in the country

Suffolk County Council (SCC) does not hold this information, the requester would need to contact Rural Payments, DEFRA or APHA.

2. The number of animal inspectors within the department (including full and part-time)

Our FTE recorded for 2024-2025 for field staff was 25.8. SCC does not have a framework based on functional specialist teams/officers. All field officers are expected to be able to deal with complaints and carry out inspections/enforcement in relation to animal health duties.

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

2019 = 42

2020 = 42

2021 = 45

2022 = 38

2023 = 35

2024 = 43

2025 = 46

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

The Suffolk County Council retention policy for holding data is 7 years.

2019 = 32

2020 = 3

2021 = 14

2022 = 12

2023 = 20

2024 = 20

2025 = 28

5. The number of initiated prosecutions (including prosecution proceedings begun and dropped) and completed prosecution cases under:

o The Animal Welfare Act 2006 between 2007 - 2025

o The Animal Health Act 1961 between 2007-2025

The Suffolk County Council retention policy for holding data is 7 years.

2019 = 0

2020 = 1

2021 = 0

2022 = 0

2023 = 0

2024 = 0

2025 = 0

6. Additional data of these prosecutions (both intended and completed) requested are:

o The charge/s initially made against the premise/persons/company

Case in 2020 Sec 9 Fraud, Animal By Product Regs, Cattle Identification Regs, Sheep and Goat Identification Order, The Tuberculosis in Animals (England) Order.

o Of these charge/s, were there any that were dropped or dismissed and if so, why

No

o The plea of the defendant

Guilty

o 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

12-week custodial sentence, suspended for 18 months

o Any appeals made against the prosecution

No

7. Additional data of the premise/persons/company who were prosecuted (both intended and completed) are:

o The number of complaints made against said premise/persons/company

21

o The nature of any said complaint/s made against said premise/persons/company

14 Welfare 7 Fraud Complaints

o The date of the first complaint/s made against said premise/persons/company

11/09/2018

o The date of the first visit to said premise/persons/company

12/04/2019

o Number of visits to said premise/persons/company

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o Number of improvement notices or enforcement notices served prior to prosecution against said premise/persons/company

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o 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 1961'

N/A

