

Response to Request for Information

Covid 19 - Advice for people with animals

I can confirm that the information requested is held by Wolverhampton Council. I have enclosed copies of the information that is being released to you.

In that request you asked:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act ('the Act') to request the following information.

Official Government advice states that anyone with horses, livestock or other animals (except for cats and dogs) should call their local authority if they are too unwell to care for their animals due to Covid-19 and if they don't have anyone to help them. The official advice is contained at this webpage, which I last accessed on 13th April 2020:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-for-people-with-animals>

Please can you advise:

1. Has the local authority received any calls of the above nature? **No**
 - a. If this information is held, please advise which species help has been requested for.
2. What is the local authority's official response to such calls for help?
No official response has been developed to deal with such calls. However, we would seek an outcome that preserves animal welfare and observes the latest Covid 19 advice from central government.
3. What arrangements has the local authority made, or planned to make, for those animals that cannot be cared for by owners in the above circumstances?
No specific arrangements have been made, however we would seek an outcome that preserves animal welfare and observes the latest Covid 19 advice from central government.
 - a. Please describe the nature of any temporary arrangements that may be being made. Please break this down by species and/or animal type if appropriate.
 - b. Please describe the nature of any permanent arrangements that may be being made. Please break this down by species and/or animal type if appropriate.

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4. How much financial resource does the local authority have access to to help people with animals in the above circumstances?
[Information not held.](#)
- a. Is this being provided by the local authority itself or by central Government?

Please quote the reference number 1605630 in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

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If you are still dissatisfied with the Council's response after the internal review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner, contact details can be found on their website: www.ico.org.uk

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