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Request/Response

I would like to request the following information on the enforcement of animal health, animal welfare and equine legislation from 2017 to the present date. – Which of the below legislation do you actively enforce, and which department/team is responsible for it?

- **Animals Act 1971 (as amended by The Control of Horses Act 2015) o Equine identification (England) Regulations 2018**
Legislation would be deployed in certain circumstances and the council would seek advice from other agencies.
- **Animal Welfare Act 2006 – The Animal Welfare Act is included within the Rother DC**
- **Animal Health Act 1981 and 2002 - Not Rother DC. This area is dealt with by East Sussex County Council**
- **Animal Welfare (Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018, including 'hiring out horses' Rother District Council Licensing enforce this area.**
- **Welfare of Animals at Markets Order 1990 o Welfare of Animals (Transport) Order 2006 – Not Rother DC. This area is dealt with by East Sussex County Council**

Do you have a dedicated resource for animal welfare and/or animal health legislation and, if you do, how many people does this include? – **Animal Services Licensing is delivered by the licensing department. With 1 FTE.**

How many times were the pieces of legislation listed above enforced for equines, if not possible could this be given for all animals, (if possible, could this answer be given separately for each piece of legislation) in:

- **2017 –**
- **2018 –**
- **2019 to-date –**

Rother District Council do enforce Animal Licensing Legislation. Details of caseload can be found on our website at:

<http://www.rother.gov.uk/article/11142/Animal-Licensing-Register>

If known, could you state the cost associated with enforcing this legislation for equines (or for all animals if not known). This could be either in total or, if possible, separately for each piece of legislation for the below dates. If this is not feasible would you be able to give an approximate total figure or state as an approximate percentage of your total budget?

- **2017 – No data Held**
- **2018 – No Data held**
- **2019 to-date – No Data Held**

In the event of a disease outbreak, what resources do you have to trace animals and control the spread of the disease? **This is not dealt with by Rother District Council. East Sussex County Council deal with this.**

**Are these resources equally available for all livestock and equine species? –
None/Not dealt with by Rother District Council Licensing**

**What training do those who are enforcing this legislation receive, including anything specific for equines? –
Riding Establishment Licensing**

How many years' experience, on average, do those who are enforcing the legislation listed above have with equine specific legislation or working with equines?

Current animal services licensing officer inspects and licenses riding establishments with the statute required vet and has over ten years experience. Animal health and welfare is deployed across all animal related licenses matters imposed upon the council