



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 23/24-414, please find your question and our response below.

**Request:**

1. The number of licences (current only) you have issued under paragraph 10 of Schedule 1 to the Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) Regulations 2018 (LAIA Regulations 2018) (this being the licensable activity of “Keeping or training animals for exhibition”) to farm parks, petting zoos, city farms or any other set-ups/establishments where animals are exhibited to the public.
2. The names and addresses of those establishments.
3. Details of how many of these licensed establishments exhibit (or have, or will, exhibit) rabbits.
4. Details of how many inspectors you have appointed under reg.4(2)(a) of the LAIA Regulations 2018.
5. Details of who is responsible for dealing with animal welfare complaints relating to farm park, petting zoos and other such establishments in your area.
6. Contact details for that person/those people.
7. Details regarding how often the establishments licensed under paragraph 10 of Schedule 1 to the LAIA Regulations 2018 are inspected.
8. What guidance the inspectors appointed under regulation 4(2)(a) of the LAIA Regulations 2018 are given as to how they are to establish that the welfare needs of the rabbits they are inspecting are being met by the farm park, petting zoo etc. (For example, are they given a copy of the Good Practice Code for the Welfare of Rabbits - <https://rabbitwelfare.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Rabbit-CoP-July-2023.pdf>)
9. The number of licences (issued at all times since the LAIA Regulations 2018 came into force) under paragraph 10 of Schedule 1 to the LAIA Regulations 2018 have been suspended or revoked under the powers in regulation 15, and why?
10. The number of licences (current only) you have issued under paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the LAIA Regulations 2018 (this being the licensable activity of “Selling animals as pets”)?
11. Details of how many of these licensed sellers sell rabbits.
12. Details of how many of these licensed sellers sell only rabbits.
13. Details of how many of these licensed sellers are pet shops, and how many are private individuals?
14. Details of who is responsible for dealing with animal welfare complaints relating to these sellers (of any animals, not just rabbits)?
15. Contact details for that person/those people.
16. The criteria you use for determining whether the “business test” in paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the LAIA Regulations 2018 is met.
17. The level of income the sellers licensed under paragraph 2 of Schedule 1 to the LAIA Regulations 2018 need in order to be deemed to be selling animals “in the course of a business”.
18. Whether you have a dedicated animal welfare officer/team?
19. If so, what their contact details are.

**Response:**

1. Two
2. Vision Learning Therapeutic Farm, Witcham & Lion Learners, Soham
3. One

- 4.Two
- 5.The Council's Environmental Services section
6. [Licensing@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing@eastcambs.gov.uk) & [Environmentalhealth@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:Environmentalhealth@eastcambs.gov.uk)
- 7.In accordance with the requirements of the LAIA Regs
- 8.Officers consider codes of practice for the animals present as well as the Defra guidance issued under the LAIA regs.
- 9.Zero
- 10.Four
- 11.Zero
- 12.Zero
- 13.All four are companies
- 14.Same as above
- 15.Same as above
- 16.We consider the in scope/out of scope information in the statutory guidance, and the HMRC nine badges of trade. We assess all evidence from all available sources.
- 17.The HMRC trading income level, as per the statutory guidance.
- 18.Not at present
- 19.Same as above

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 23/24-414.

If information has been refused, please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach [foi@eastcambs.gov.uk](mailto:foi@eastcambs.gov.uk) and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.