Winchester City Council

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Request (answers in bold).

1. Who carries out your animal activities licensing inspections?

(a) Your own employed officers
(b) A shared regulatory service/another local authority
(c) An external contractor
(d) A combination of the above

2. Approximately how many officers are currently qualified/authorised to undertake animal activities licensing inspections on behalf of your authority?

Two

3. Has a shortage of suitably qualified officers or other resource constraints affected your authority's ability to undertake inspections, renewals or enforcement under the Regulations during the last five years? Yes / No. If yes, I would be grateful for a brief explanation.

No

Freedom of Information request

Separately, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide any recorded information held by the authority concerning:

- difficulties recruiting or retaining suitably qualified animal activities licensing inspectors;

None held

- delays or backlogs in inspections or licence renewals caused by staffing or resource constraints;

None

- decisions to outsource or share the animal activities licensing inspection function because of staffing, expertise or resource constraints.

None



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