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Request & Response:

Request in bold:

Response in plain text:

- 1. How many farms in your jurisdiction have been inspected by your department on animal welfare grounds in the last 12 months and, in each case, what triggered the inspection (e.g. complaint from the public, complaint from another government department, complaint from the RSPCA, etc.)**

All figures and information provided relates to the time period 1st of November 2018 and todays date the 5th of November 2019

This department carried out 404 inspections related to Welfare at farms, livestock transport to abattoirs, and to livestock markets, as well as the welfare of animals at livestock markets.

Of these 404 inspections 266 were to farm premises.

These visits are made up of planned programmed inspections and reactive visits as a result of requests and complaints.

Source of service requests and complaints are as shown in the table below. We are unable to directly link the visits carried out to the original service requests and the source of the intelligence received.

Some of the complaints once they are graded for severity result in visits; some are dealt with by telephone calls or letters. A number of the referrals are received for information only, as we are co notified with other Local Authorities on cross border issues where the offences may be in another authority area.

Table 1 Sources of complaints and Requests for Service some of which may result in visits or additional interactions with farms and livestock premises.on welfare

Source	Number
000 - Anon	24
001 - Business	41
002 - Consumer	89
003 - Farmer	150
004 - Police2	2

005 - Other Local Authority	4
006 - Government Department	113
007 - Advice Agency	6
008 - MP / Councillor	1
009 - Other Council Staff ⁴	4
012 - Charity	25
Grand Total	459

2. How many of those inspections led to legal action being taken against a farm.

11 Simple Cautions issued

4 Prosecutions plus 2 pending November 2019

I do not require the names of the farms, any personal details or specific details of the complaints.

I would also be grateful if you could tell me how many farms which rear animals (of any kind) are currently operating in your jurisdiction.

Within the County of Cornwall we have recorded on our database 4251 premises of these 27 are High risk, 133 are medium risk and 4091 are low risk.

Information provided by: Neighbourhoods & Public Protection

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