

**BLAENAU GWENT**

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**ANIMAL HEALTH, WELFARE AND LICENCING  
ACTIVITIES**

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**1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020**

## ACTIVITY PLANNED FOR FY 2019/20

Activity	No.	Remarks
Primary visits to Licenced Pet Shops	5	Announced Primary Licencing Inspection
Welfare visits to Licenced Pet Shops	5	Unannounced Welfare Inspection of premises.
Primary visits to Licenced Animal Home Boarders	4	Announced Primary Licencing Inspection
Welfare visits to Licenced Animal Home Boarders	4	Announced Primary Licencing Inspection
Primary and Welfare Inspection to Zoo	2	1 x Primary Inspection and 1 x Welfare Inspection
Companion Animal Complaints & Enquiries	-	Action all welfare complaints within 1 working day. All other complaints/enquiries to be actioned within 3 working days.
Primary – Planned Farm inspections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High Risk</li> <li>• Medium Risk</li> <li>• Low Risk</li> </ul>	0 5 10	Conduct any necessary unplanned inspections as a result of complaints received.
Newly identified/re-opened premises	2	Each newly identified or re-opened AH premise is to be risked rated by means of either of the following: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Primary AH Inspection of the premises; or</li> <li>• By use of an alternative enforcement business questionnaire being sent to the premises</li> </ul>
Breach Report Investigations	-	Breach reports to be investigated within 3 months of receipt
Alternative Inspections – RP05 Record Checks	-	Alternative enforcement checks to be completed within 3 months of receipt
FSA Slaughterhouse referral investigations	-	Referrals to be investigated within 3 months of receipt
Freedom of Information Requests	-	Action all FOI requests within appointed timescale.

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Visits to Licenced Pet Shops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary</li> <li>• Welfare</li> </ul>	6 5	1 Pet shop ceased trading during year.  Plus an addition 7 non-primary welfare inspections.
Visits to Licenced Animal Home Boarders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary</li> <li>• Welfare</li> </ul>	4 4	1 new premise licensed since beginning of FY
Inspection to Zoo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary</li> <li>• Welfare</li> </ul>	0 1	Plus an additional welfare inspection.  Note that planned primary inspection due in March was cancelled due to Covid 19.
Companion Animal Complaints received	36	
Companion Animal Enquiries received	8	
Animal Health Complaints received.	50	
Primary – Planned Farm inspections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High Risk</li> <li>• Medium Risk</li> <li>• Low Risk</li> </ul>	0 2 6	Shortfall of planned inspections have been addressed when alternative inspections are taken into account.
Unplanned/Non-primary Farm Inspections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High Risk</li> <li>• Medium Risk</li> <li>• Low Risk</li> </ul>	0 0 3	
Primary alternative Inspections – RP05 Record Checks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High Risk</li> <li>• Medium Risk</li> <li>• Low Risk</li> </ul>	0 2 14	

Non-Primary alternative Inspections – RP05 Record Checks	23	
Newly identified/re-opened premises identified for inspection in this FY	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bruten now closed.</li> <li>• JC Merrick – closed - principal holding in Monmouthshire.</li> </ul>
Newly identified/re-opened premises identified since beginning of FY	5	
Premises closed.	22	
Breach Report Investigations	1	
Enforcement Action Taken		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prosecutions</li> <li>• Simple Cautions</li> <li>• Written warnings</li> <li>• Verbal warnings</li> <li>• Oral Advice</li> </ul>	1 0 2 0 6	
Freedom of Information Requests	20	
Data returns for AHPA	5	Complete and submit data returns for AHPA in respect of:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 x Sheep Scab Returns; and</li> <li>• 2 x Prosecution Returns</li> <li>• 1 x WATO Return</li> </ul>
Intelligence Reports submitted	38	

#### Notes:

All planned routine inspections have been achieved except for the Primary Zoo Inspection. The latter was not completed due to initial delays with AHPA in arranging Zoo Inspector availability, with the visited planned for the end of March having to then be cancelled due to the Covid 19 outbreak.

[Redacted] continue to take up a disproportionate amount of time between Complaints received, Enquires received and Operation Flush.

Since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 Powys has received 38 complaints relating to animal health, welfare and licensing, 61% of which related to [Redacted], they also account for 50% of Companion Animal enquires received.