

**BLAENAU GWENT**

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**ANIMAL HEALTH, WELFARE AND LICENCING  
ACTIVITIES**

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**1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021**

**ACTIVITY PLANNED FOR FY 2020/21 – Note that a plan was not submitted due to the Covid Pandemic**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Remarks</b>
Primary visits to Licenced Pet Shops	4	Announced Primary Licencing Inspection
Welfare visits to Licenced Pet Shops	4	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	1	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 7 14	Conduct any necessary unplanned inspections as a result of complaints received.
Newly identified/re-opened premises	6	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>	5 0	Welfare inspections were not undertaken due to the Covid pandemic to safeguard staff and licensee`s.
Visits to Licenced Animal Home Boarders <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary</li> <li>• Welfare</li> </ul>	2 0	2 Premises closed due to the Covid pandemic.  Welfare inspections were not undertaken due to the Covid pandemic to safeguard staff and licensee`s.
Inspection to Zoo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Primary</li> <li>• Welfare</li> </ul>	1 1	
Companion Animal Complaints received	38	
Companion Animal Enquiries received	12	
Animal Health Complaints received.	40	
Primary – Planned Farm inspections <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High Risk</li> <li>• Medium Risk</li> <li>• Low Risk</li> </ul>	0 0 0	Inspections were not undertaken due to the Covid pandemic to safeguard staff and individual farmers.
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 2 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 0 0	

Non-Primary alternative Inspections – RP05 Record Checks	0	
Newly identified/re-opened premises identified for inspection in this FY	5	
Newly identified/re-opened premises identified since beginning of FY	6	Unable to run report from data base – software issue
Premises closed.	0	
Breach Report Investigations	0	
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 1 3 0	Prosecution – Op Brutus
Business Advice provided	4	
Bovine Tb Referrals	2	
Freedom of Information Requests	17	
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	39	
Total Nos of AH premises:- H – 0 M – 12 L - 75		

#### 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. The planned inspection took place on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021 and the report is awaited.

[Redacted] continue to take up a disproportionate amount of time between Complaints (42%) received, enquires received and Operation Flush.

Work is ongoing in relation to illegal dog breeding activities with the support of the Police and Trading Standards Wales Regional Investigation Team. A large number of potential targets are known to the police and active in OCG`s working across several Local Authority areas.

Appendix 3