



Freedom of Information Request

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Request for information relating to site visits by the Office of Environmental Health & Pollution Regulation

Request:

1. Can we please have any reports or investigations that have been carried out by Environmental Health since 2020 [REDACTED]?
2. Can we have a full diary of the amount of visits they have conducted and dates so we can compare to the diaries being kept by the residents?
3. Can we please request the report from the States Vet to conclude his visits about the welfare of the animals [REDACTED]?
4. Can we request information from Food Standards/Trading Standards in which you can class [REDACTED] as [REDACTED]?

Response provided by The Committee *for* Health & Social Care:

The States of Guernsey Freedom of Information Code ('the Code') formalises the commitment of the States to releasing information, wherever possible, and the limits to openness that are necessary to protect confidentiality in a number of well-defined circumstances.

The information requested in Q1. cannot be provided because to do so would engage the exemptions set out in sections 2.14 (information given in confidence) and 2.5 (Law enforcement and legal proceedings) of the Code.

Q2. It is unclear what the timescale and limitations of this request are. Since the initial complaint was made to the Office of Environmental Health & Pollution Regulation in 2022, 23 site visits have been logged (up to 6th September 2022) as follows:

- 01/06/22
- 07/06/22
- 15/07/22 (3 visits)
- 18/07/22 (4 visits)
- 20/07/22
- 21/07/22
- 25/07/22
- 26/07/22
- 02/08/22
- 08/08/22
- 11/08/22
- 15/08/22 (2 visits)
- 16/08/22
- 25/08/22
- 30/08/22
- 31/08/22
- 02/09/22

Further details of site visits, such as location, have not been included as these relate to commercial premises, domestic properties and privately owned land parcels. Non-disclosure of this information relates primarily to 1.2 of the Code and also to 2.5 of the Code.

The information requested in Q3. cannot be provided because it does not meet the aims of the Code, as set out in section 1.2 (to preserve confidentiality where disclosure would not be in the public interest or would breach personal privacy or the confidences of a third party, in accordance with statutory requirements).

It also engages the exemptions set out in sections 2.14 (Information given in confidence) and 2.5 (Law enforcement and legal proceedings) of the Code.

Response provided by the Committee *for* Home Affairs:

Q4. Trading Standards would consider the description of goods in terms of whether they were misleading, but there is currently no legislation locally that defines this term.

In line with the exemptions applied in these responses, the requester's questions will be redacted in the published version of the FOI request to ensure the confidentiality of third parties where appropriate.

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