



31 October 2018

Dear ,

ATISN 12673 – Animal Slaughter in Wales

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 4th October. You have requested the following:

1. How many slaughterhouses in Wales currently do not have CCTV installed to monitor animal welfare?
2. How many animals does the Welsh Government estimate are currently slaughtered annually in slaughterhouses in Wales that do not use CCTV to monitor animal welfare (eg for the calendar year 2017 for example or relevant annual period).
3. For those slaughterhouses in Wales that do currently use CCTV what data does the Welsh Government have on where this is sited? e.g. how many have CCTV in each of lairage, stunning areas, cutting areas and other areas.
4. What regulations currently apply in Wales to the siting and use of CCTV in Welsh slaughterhouses?
5. The Cabinet Secretary has recently announced funding for small and medium abattoirs that may be used for the implementation of CCTV. What requirements are being placed on abattoirs taking advantage of this funding? e.g. what requirements are being made by the Welsh Government with respect to the siting of CCTV, length of time over which CCTV footage is to be retained, and access by officials or independent monitors to CCTV recordings.

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6. For the last three years (eg each of 2015, 2016, 2017 or relevant annual period) what funding (e.g. amounts) has been provided by the Welsh Government directly to the Food Standards Agency (FSA) to enable it to undertake welfare controls (eg in Welsh slaughterhouses)
7. What funding is the Welsh Government providing/intending to provide to the FSA for welfare controls in the current and next year (eg 2018 and 2019 or relevant annual period).

We hold some information that is captured by your requests.

With respect to request 1, there are currently 14 slaughterhouses in Wales that do not have CCTV.

With respect to request 2 and 3 the Welsh Government does not hold this information.

With respect to request 4, there are no specific regulations for siting and use of CCTV in Welsh slaughterhouses beyond the general provisions set out in the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

With respect to request 5, there are no requirements regarding the placing and number of cameras, length of time for the footage to be retained and access to recordings. I have attached a link for the Terms and Conditions of the Food Business Investment Scheme which you may find of use. <https://beta.gov.wales/food-business-investment-scheme-guidance>

With respect to request 6, the funding from Welsh Government to the FSA for the last three years totals £33,627.77.

With respect to request 7, Welsh Government will be providing FSA for 2018/19 £20,187.00.

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Information Commissioner's Office

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Yours sincerely