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How many Trading Standards Officers in your Local Authority (by FTE) in each of the following years: 2007,2008,2009,2010,2011,2012,2013,2018,2019,2020,2021?

We do not record how many Trading Standards Officers are employed by our Local Authority by year, therefore this information is not held. We currently have 6 FTE Trading Standards Officers.

How many Trading Standards Officers hold qualifications in Animal Health and Welfare for these years?

The 'Trading Standards Officer' post is not, of itself a qualification in Animal Health and Welfare, as changes to qualifications over the years has meant that some people will be qualified in Animal Health without holding the Diploma in Trading Standards ('DTS') and some holders of the DTS or equivalent qualifications may not hold a qualification in animal welfare. We are unable to determine historically the officers to which either of these circumstances may have applied. Currently we have 6 Officers who are qualified in Animal Health and Welfare, 4 qualified Trading Standards Officers and 2 Higher Enforcement Officers.

Number of full-time equivalent animal health qualified staff working on Animal Health and Welfare Enforcement in your Local Authority for these years?

We do not have a specific role, nor do we calculate how much of a FTE Higher Enforcement Officer or Enforcement Officer's role is spent specifically on Animal Health and Welfare enforcement. Therefore, this information is not held.

How many premises with an animal health & welfare inspection risk were there in your Local Authority for these years? (How many of these were farms?)

Due to change in practice, recording systems and data retention policies we only hold information since 2018. However, I can advise that we have no high risk premises in Edinburgh.

How many complaints or referrals relating to animal health and welfare were received for these years?

Due to change in practice, recording systems and data retention policies we only hold information since 2018.

2018 - 9
2019 -13
2020 - 7
2021 - 10

How many farm inspections/visits did your Local Authority carry out in each of these years? (If possible, please split between Random, risk-based, compliance-based and targeted inspections (or other please specify)).

Due to change in practice, recording systems and data retention policies we only hold information since 2018.

2018 - 22
2019 - 23

2020 - 0
2021 - 1

How many of these inspections were found to be non-compliant and required some remedial action in each of these years?

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How many of the following enforcement actions were taken in each of these years: advice, warnings, prosecution (or other please specify)?

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Trading Standards Service budget for these years and if available the budget for animal health and welfare in these years

There is no specific budget allocated for animal health and welfare, instead it forms part of the wider Trading Standards and Licensing Enforcement budget.

Please refer to the attached document with a breakdown of the Trading Standards Budgets 2008-2022.