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{By Email}

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Dear [REDACTED]

PROVISION OF REQUESTED INFORMATION

Thank you for your request for information about welfare statement provided to local authorities, which APHA received on 02 September 2022. Your request has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

The information you requested and the response is detailed below:

“In response to a freedom of information request sent to my colleague on 20 July 2021 (attached), you stated that in 2020:

‘56 statements were provided to various local authorities during 2020 (47 England, 1 Scotland, 8 Wales).’

Please could you summarise what these statements are? For example, are they prosecution referrals?”

This request for information was following a response to ATIC2435 on welfare complaints and prosecutions.

Local Authorities (LA’s) only request statements if they are considering a prosecution and putting together a package for their legal teams to consider whether a prosecution is likely to succeed.

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Yours sincerely

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Annex

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