



18 March 2019

Dear _____,

ATISN 12984 – Uptake of Abattoir Funding

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 19th February. You have requested the following:

- 1) How many applications for funding in relation to CCTV system installation, upgrading or operation have been made (e.g. the number of Welsh abattoirs which have applied for this funding to date).
- 2) The total amount of funding that has been requested for this purpose by Welsh abattoirs.
- 3) The total amount of funding that has been provided to Welsh abattoirs to date by the Welsh Government under this scheme to support installation, upgrade or operation of CCTV systems.
- 4) The range and average amount of funding per abattoir provided under this scheme for installation, upgrade or operation of CCTV.
- 5) The amount of funding re CCTV that has been agreed but has yet to be provided (if any).
- 6) The number of abattoirs which made relevant applications for funding for installation, upgrade or operation of CCTV systems whose applications for funding were declined (if any).

Rydym yn croesawu derbyn gohebiaeth yn Gymraeg. Byddwn yn ateb gohebiaeth a dderbynnir yn Gymraeg yn Gymraeg ac ni fydd gohebu yn Gymraeg yn arwain at oedi.

We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

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7) The grounds on which any refusals for funding under the scheme re CCTV were made by the Government.

8) The criteria specified to abattoirs by the Welsh Government for receipt of funding re CCTV installation, upgrade or operation, for example in terms of location of CCTV, areas to be covered, accessibility of footage by officials or any other criteria.

With respect to requests 1,2,3,4,5,6,7, the funding scheme is operated via a 2 stage process with the 1st stage Expression of Interest (EOI) window for abattoirs opening on the 30th September 2018 and closing on the 29th November 2018, following which 8 abattoirs submitted successful EOI's and have been invited to submit full applications for funding within the scheme. Completed applications have not yet been received, therefore we do not hold the information requested.

With regards to request 8, please see attached documents at annex 1 and 2.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
Cardiff
CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely

CCTV requirements August 2018

Location of camera providing a good view of the relevant area and operations. Camera view should not be blocked by person's working or equipment.

Condensation or dirt on lens will obstruct viewing. Need to consider wording to reflect that the image should be clear.

Quality of image recording (pixels) if low quality images will not be able to be viewed magnified where there is a suspect incident.

Speed of recording (number of frames per second). Too few frames per second / minute and parts of the process will not be able to be viewed.

Access at any reasonable time for FSA staff and auditors. FSA will need to consider guidance to OVs and MHIs on viewing to prevent lengthy periods of time being spent by staff looking for something wrong.

Access to both live and recorded footage. Recorded footage to be viewed with reasonable notice.

Ability to make recordings on a suitable data media when requested by an authorised officer. We have had several cases where an FBO has been unable to copy CCTV footage easily.

Storage; quality of image retrievable and length of storage.

Security of recorded and live footage.

Failure of a camera or recording system. What action is taken where FBO fails to repair / resolve problems with CCTV system and recording facility. Formal notice with appropriate time scale for repair / reinstatement will be needed.

Annex 2



Protocol to Allow Site Official Veterinarians Access to Site Controlled Animal Welfare CCTV in a Structured Manner Following Jointly Agreed Procedures

We support the voluntary use of CCTV in slaughterhouses by food business operators (FBOs) as part of their system for monitoring and protecting animal welfare. CCTV does not replace direct oversight by FBO management, particularly in very small premises, but can provide objective supporting evidence of good practice.

We acknowledge that a site Official Veterinarian (OV) may wish to view CCTV footage and we consider the viewing of CCTV by OVs, should they request to do so, as an additional tool to support verification of the animal welfare system on site. Should an OV request to review CCTV footage the following protocol should be followed.

1. The purpose of the OV CCTV review is as an additional indirect verification of an FBO's animal welfare procedures, not as a replacement of direct practical official observations.
2. All CCTV will be viewed on the FBO's own IT/CCTV system.
3. The FBO will give the OV access to view live streaming CCTV during normal operating hours.
4. The FBO will view the CCTV alongside the FSA veterinary staff in FBO offices.
5. The OV for the site concerned will be the only FSA official given routine access to view CCTV footage. Other FSA operations and assurance veterinarians will also be able to review the CCTV on a non-routine basis alongside the OV and FBO. Non-veterinary FSA staff will have access to the footage only as part of a formal investigation process.
6. The duration of the OV viewing of the CCTV should be reasonable and practical, and usually equivalent to up to 15 minutes additional check a day.

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7. Where a site has recorded CCTV footage as part of its system the site may, if it supports efficiency, e.g. availability of site staff to accompany the OV, choose to offer to use recorded footage in the OV review as an alternative to live streaming.
8. OVs must have received formal CCTV data protection training, CCTV observation training and be fully conversant with a site's animal welfare SOPs before viewing any FBO CCTV footage.
9. The FBO might wish to record the date and time of each viewing alongside how much footage was viewed, the dates and times of that footage, and their own signature as well as the signature of the FSA representative(s).
10. This protocol does not affect the existing legal processes for viewing and obtaining CCTV footage as part of a formal investigation process. Rather, it is to support the development of a well-structured process and provide additional indirect verification of good animal welfare practices.

