

FOI Reference Number: FOI/158/1920

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Request:

Dear Sirs and Madams,

I'm writing you to request information in the name of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] It is requested to inform us in writing for the period of 2018/2019
the following:

- How many tigers (*Panthera tigris*) are held in captivity in your council,
- How many private owners in your council have kept/keep tigers (*Panthera tigris*) (number of households/owners),
- How many tigers (*Panthera tigris*) are kept in the respective households (number of tigers),
- How many of the existing zoological gardens in your council, which have a permit/license, keep/have kept tigers (*Panthera tigris*) (number of zoological gardens),
- How many tigers (*Panthera tigris*) are kept in zoos with a permit/license (number of tigers),
- How many rescue centers are there in your council for tigers (*Panthera tigris*),
- How many tigers (*Panthera tigris*) in your council have lived/live in rescue centers,
- Is there a notification duty to centrally report the number of deceased captive tigers (*Panthera tigris*),
- If so, how many tigers (*Panthera tigris*) have died in your council in the last five years,
- Following information of records kept by zoos, sanctuaries and other owners, how many tigers (*Panthera tigris*) have died in the last five years.

We have a legitimate interest in the required information, which is not intended to be used for profit, but for the purpose of animal welfare, science and research; for

environmental and nature protection; as well as for consumer protection in the field of animal welfare.

If I can help to clarify this request please contact me by the same email address, as I understand that under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 you are required to advise and assist requesters within 20 working days after you receive this letter.

If you don't have access to the requested information, I kindly ask you to forward this information request to the responsible office and to inform me about it.

Please confirm you have received this information request to the same email address.

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 25/07/2019.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to tigers held in captivity in our council area.

Please note that Dangerous Wild Animals fall within the remit of DAERA, Council have no involvement.

Please contact:

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/>

who should be able to help you with your request.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/158/1920 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.