

FOI Reference Number: FOI/245/1819

Date: 10 September 2018

Request:

Since the council's amalgamation into Mid and East Antrim Council :

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- How many were rejected
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- Total number of related supports received
- How many employees of Mid & East Antrim Council have training in animal disease control
- The number of those with training specific to captive birds / pigeons
- How many have training in risks to human health from captive birds / pigeons (e.g. Extrinsic Allergic Alveolitis)
- How many have training in risks to human health from bird droppings
- Does the council use external experts in the provision of these services
- If so, what is their relevant expertise?
- How many planning/environmental health employees in MEAC are members of a racing/homing pigeon club?

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 13 August 2018.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested.

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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/245/1819 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.