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Dear ██████████

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information received by the Department on 27 February 2026 which you sought the information in bold below.

I can advise that the Department has completed its search and can confirm that it holds the information you requested.

1. For the period October 1st 2025 and the present day, the number of inspections of NI-based pig farms carried out by DAERA NI relating to animal welfare, biosecurity and/or veterinary medicines use/record keeping.

20 inspections.

2. Details of the findings/outcomes of these inspections, to include a summary of any regulatory breaches or other non-compliances detected, and any enforcement action taken (or in the process of being taken)

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No breaches were identified. All 20 inspections were compliant.

If you require any clarification, believe that any part of your request has been overlooked, misunderstood or misinterpreted, please contact me in the first instance to see if it is a matter that can be resolved.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled or the decision to release/withhold information, you have the right to request a formal review by the Department. If you wish to do so, please contact The Review Section either by e-mailing daera.informationmanager@daera-ni.gov.uk or by post at The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Data Protection & Information Management Branch, Floor 2, Jubilee House, 111 Ballykelly Road, Ballykelly, Limavady BT49 9HP, within two months from the date of this letter.

If after such an internal review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, CHESHIRE, SK9 5AF, who will undertake an independent review of the Department's decision.

Yours sincerely,



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