

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA140420-8843

1 May 2020

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 13 April 2020. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested:

*Official Government advice states that anyone with horses, livestock or other animals (except for cats and dogs) should call their local authority if they are too unwell to care for their animals due to Covid-19 and if they don't have anyone to help them. The official advice is contained at this webpage, which I last accessed on 13th April 2020: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-advice-for-people-with-animals>.*

*Please can you advise:*

*Has the local authority received any calls of the above nature?  
If this information is held, please advise which species help has been requested for.  
What is the local authority's official response to such calls for help?*

*Please describe the nature of any temporary arrangements that may be being made.  
Please break this down by species and/or animal type if appropriate.*

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*How much financial resource does the local authority have access to to help people with animals in the above circumstances?*

*Is this being provided by the local authority itself or by central Government?*

The GLA is London's strategic government and does not operate in the same way as local councils. We therefore do not hold the information you have requested. In London you would need to contact the Borough Councils, including the City of London and Westminster City Council: <https://www.london.gov.uk/in-my-area>.

If you would like to make a request to either of the two central Government departments mentioned in the link you included in your request, you can find details at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/animal-and-plant-health-agency>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>

If you need more information about the role and work of the GLA, please go to our website: [www.london.gov.uk](http://www.london.gov.uk) and our Coronavirus hub at <https://www.london.gov.uk/coronavirus>.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA140420-8843.

Yours sincerely



**Information Governance Officer**

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>