

Request

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like to obtain information regarding the licensing of "cat cafes" within your boundaries.

Specifically, I would appreciate it if you could provide me with the following details:

1. The total number of "cat cafe" premises which are licensed within your boundaries as of the latest available data.
2. A breakdown of licensed "cat cafes" within your boundary by star rating.
3. The total number of applications for new licences for cat cafes that have been received in the last financial year.
4. The total number of cat cafe licences that have been granted to date in the last financial year.

Response

The Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018 does not require cat cafes to be licensed, unless they provide housing / overnight accommodation for cats.

Details of all licences for establishments that provide housing / overnight accommodation for cats are available via the following link:

[Public register \(wigan.gov.uk\)](http://wigan.gov.uk)