

To: All Local Authority Chief Executives

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Dear Chief Executive

ANIMAL FEED OFFICIAL CONTROLS IN WALES

You will recall that I wrote to you in August 2015 to advise you of a new delivery model for animal feed official controls in Wales. Funded directly by the FSA since 1 April 2015, animal feed official controls are being delivered by local authorities on a regional basis. I am now in a position to update you on the excellent progress made during year 1 of the new delivery model.

A target of 2386 inspections was identified for the 2015/16 interventions programme. This target was exceeded with 2431 feed inspections being carried out by local authority officers across Wales. In addition, local authority interventions identified 235 feed establishments no longer trading, improving the accuracy of animal feed establishment registers. A risk based, all Wales feed sampling plan was developed and agreed by the six feed regions with 163 samples taken out of a target of 166.

The returns demonstrate a significant improvement in the delivery of animal feed official controls in Wales, with interventions now being carried out across all feed regions and in all local authority areas. A full spend against the budget of £490,000 has been reported. We are currently preparing a detailed report for Welsh Government which will be forwarded to you for information in due course.

We are keen to acknowledge the significant progress that has been made in such a short period of time. This would not have been possible without the hard work and commitment of feed officers across Wales. There is still much to be done and £490,000 is again being made available to the FSA in Wales to direct and support local authorities in the delivery of animal feed official controls.

The new delivery model aims to ensure ongoing support for the delivery of the feed interventions programme which will guarantee funding reaches front-line

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services, the food chain is protected and the required level of assurance is provided to consumers, industry and government.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and look forward to working with local authorities to further develop the feed service in Wales in 2016/17.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nina Purcell', written in a cursive style.

NINA PURCELL
Director