



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

EXEMPTION FROM DISCLOSURE OF DOCUMENTS/INFORMATION

Ref no: FOI 25/1498

Applicants Name: Charlotte Holmes

Date of Request: 24th October 2025

Information sought: Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I request any Environmental Health records, inspections, complaints, enforcement actions or correspondence relating to: "Jayne's Baby Bank", "Carrie Anne Ridsdale", "Jayne Price" or any similar trading name at 14 Pentrebane Street, Caerphilly CF83 1FR. If no records exist under those names, please provide any Environmental Health records linked to the property itself, including inspections, reports, complaints, or enforcement activity for the past ten years or the maximum period held. Please include inspection dates, findings, outcomes, actions, or food hygiene/public health issues. Personal data may be redacted under Section 40.

Under the powers delegated to me by Caerphilly county borough council and having considered representation made to me I have made the following decision:-

Exemption applying to the Information Sought

Section 30(1)(a)(i) of the Freedom of Information Act, Investigations a public authority must have a duty to investigate.

Section 30(1)(a)(i) - Case for Exemption

Under 30(1)(a)(i) of the Freedom of Information Act, information held by a public authority is exempt, if at any time it has been held for the purposes of any investigation which the public authority has a duty to conduct with a view to it being ascertained whether any person should be charged with an offence. This exemption is subject to the public interest test.

Part of the information requested is in relation to an ongoing investigation which the authority may be required to rely upon should it be necessary to instigate legal proceedings. Therefore, the information in question is being held for the purposes of an investigation which the Council has a duty to conduct with a view to it being ascertained whether any person should be charged with an offence.

Where the exemption is qualified my decision on the public interest test is as follows:

It is recognised that there is a strong public interest in investigations into alleged non-compliance with matters of Environmental Health and the need to facilitate the accountability and transparency of the function of a Local Authority. However, to ensure the protection of

the integrity of ongoing investigations so as not to compromise them or any potential future legal proceedings, we consider the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. The release of information held relating to the investigation, at this time may prejudice the ongoing effective investigation.

Extent of Exemption

Information relating to the ongoing Environmental Health investigation is exempt. Other records to be provided and redacted as necessary.

Authorised Officer

Name: **Lisa Lane** **Position:** Head of Democratic Services and Deputy Monitoring Officer

Signed: *Lisa Lane* **Date:** 9th January 2026