

## Freedom of information request NCC-026719-17

Further to your recent Freedom of information request regarding potholes and funding from the government. I have reproduced your question and will answer each element in turn.

In 2014, NCC received £2.5m from the Government to repair pot holes. - The Department for Transport (DfT) awarded all local Authorities additional funding in 2014/15. More detailed information is available through the Government Website and the following link:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/pothole-funding-2014-allocations](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pothole-funding-2014-allocations).

You will see from this Nottinghamshire was awarded an additional £2,781,482 for road maintenance and whilst the press release was titled potholes the funding could be spent on road maintenance through patching and resurfacing.

After this, (not sure when) a further £1.5m was allocated to NCC for the same purpose. - We don't recognise the £1.5m figure for potholes.

In 2016/17, the DfT awarded all local Authorities additional funding for pothole repairs as can be seen on the following link:

[www.gov.uk/government/news/cash-for-councils-to-fill-almost-1-million-potholes](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/cash-for-councils-to-fill-almost-1-million-potholes)

You will see from this Nottinghamshire was awarded an additional £839,000 for pothole repairs and once again whilst the press release was titled potholes the funding could be spent on road maintenance as previously.

This year, the DfT awarded all local Authorities further funding for pothole repairs in 2017/18 as can be seen on the following link:

[www.gov.uk/government/publications/roads-funding-information-pack](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/roads-funding-information-pack)

You will see from this Nottinghamshire was awarded an additional £1,174,000 for pothole repairs and once again whilst this could be spent on road maintenance as previously.

The Chad allegedly states that NCC are due to receive a further £5m for pothole repair. - This figure does not relate to potholes. The DfT has a number of different funding streams, one of these being the Challenge Fund. Nottinghamshire has been successful in a bid to undertake major maintenance on the A38/A617 corridor in Mansfield and Ashfield this year (2017/18) as can be seen on the following DfT link:

<http://maps.dft.gov.uk/challenge-fund/>

Description:

Tranche: 2A

Authority: Nottinghamshire

Region: EM

Project: A38 and A617 Mansfield Regeneration Route

Scheme description: A whole route treatment on the A38 / A617 Mansfield & Ashfield Regeneration Route.

Asset type: Maintenance

DfT funding (£m): 5.0

Total cost (£m): 6.0 (additional element funded by NCC and local developers)

You would like to know where the other money has been spent as you can see no evidence of improvements in the Mansfield area. - Nottinghamshire County Council acting as Highway Authority is responsible for the maintenance of 2600 miles of road and a similar length of footways in the county. The maintenance of such a large network is expensive, with the day to day and long term maintenance plan forming part of our overall maintenance strategy. The Authority undertakes day to day maintenance through a planned inspection regime which last year saw over 58 thousand potholes being repaired. The additional funding you have queried has allowed us to fund such repairs along

with patching, resurfacing and many other types of surface treatment over recent years throughout the highway network. The majority of funding for road maintenance comes from the Department for Transport and through this we are able to undertake major maintenance. Mansfield's highway network is maintained to the same standard as other districts of the county and our success in securing the additional funding from the Challenge Fund will allow us to undertake needed repairs on the A38/A617. Further details on how we inspect the Highway, what constitutes a pothole and questions relating to the service can be found on the following link:

[www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/potholes](http://www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/transport/roads/potholes)

If there are any specific areas you have concerns about then please report these through the facilities available through the link under 'Report a pothole' on the NCC website.

I hope this information is of assistance to you

If you are unhappy with the way your request was dealt with and wish to make a complaint, please write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail [foi@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:foi@nottscc.gov.uk) quoting the above reference number.

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