

## NCC-025453-17 Travellers FOI

Dear Nottinghamshire County Council,

I'm looking into the cost of travellers' unauthorised encampments and the process of moving them on. Please treat the following as an FOI request.

Could you provide information on the number of times you have moved travellers on, how long it takes, as well as the costs of moving them on.

Could you provide this in table form for the past three financial years, or up until the most recent date that you hold records to. If it is possible, I would like this part of the response in table form.

I would like the date you were alerted to each incident in the first row.

Could you then provide corresponding rows for:

- length of time it took to move the travellers on
- cost in legal fees - to obtain and deliver directions to leave to travellers, and to obtain court date and summons to evict them
- cost of booking bailiffs and paying bailiffs to remove travellers
- cost of clean up after removal
- cost of target hardening/ improving defences to prevent travellers returning
- any additional costs

Could you also total the costs for each year and give the average number of time it took to move travellers on each year.

If this form is not appropriate for the manner in which you keep records, please respond as you deem fit.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to cost of compliance, please let me know how to alter my request as per Section 16 obligations.

Dear Requester

The Council have now undertaken an exercise to calculate the external legal costs incurred in dealing with unauthorised encampments on NCC land and would advise as follows:

2015/16 - £744.40 of external fees incurred

2016/17 - £2,407.36 of external fees incurred including £220 to instruct court bailiffs to enforce court order

2017/18 (to date) - £919.30 of external fees incurred

For future reference Nottingham County Council also publishes previous FOIR,s and answers on its website, under Disclosure logs. (see link)

<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

You can use the search facility using keywords.

If for any reason you are unhappy with the response or 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 reference above.

Following this, if you remain dissatisfied, you can apply to the Information Commissioner, however, the Information Commissioner does not usually make a decision unless you have exhausted the procedure provided by the Council. The information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

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Tel: 0303 123 1113 or 01625 54 57 45

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