

Dear Sirs,

I would like to make a freedom of information request for the following information

If there are any charges for this service, please could you let me know before answering.

1. How much did the Council spend in the last financial year on repairs and maintenance of pot holes?  
Please confirm the financial year period?
2. How much did the Council spend in the year prior to the last financial year on repairs and maintenance of pot holes?
3. How many reported claims did the Council have for damage property (e.g. cars) and/or injury caused by pot holes in the last financial year?
4. How much did the Council Pay out in compensation for damage and/or injury caused by pot holes in the last financial year?
5. How often do the Council carry out regular inspections for each class of road that they are responsible for?
6. What is the Council's policy for prioritising pot holes in the terms of the class and the road size of the pot hole?
7. How often did the Council comply with their target period for repairing pot holes in the last financial year?
8. How many reports of pot holes in the road were made to the Council by members of the public in the last financial year?

Yours faithfully

Dear Requester,

In response to your Freedom of Information request, please see below.

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  - a. How much did the Council spend in the year prior to the last financial year on repairs and maintenance of pot holes?

Potholes can be repaired as part of the day to day maintenance of the Highway Network (termed Reactive Maintenance) or as part of the long term capital investment associated with more major maintenance activities and the planned maintenance programmes. These year on year maintenance programmes are termed Capital Maintenance and include maintenance activities associated with many highway assets. In recent years the Department for Transport has provided additional funding, as indicated below, under the Pothole Fund and Weather Repair Fund, which has been predominantly targeted at the maintenance of carriageways. This funding can not only be used to undertake small repairs but can also be utilised to fund resurfacing activities. Therefore, whilst this data is a accurate record of funding it does not provide the exact breakdown you are after because the focus of highway maintenance is not just repairing potholes but the long term Asset Management of the Highway Infrastructure. We have provided greater detail here on funding so you can appreciate the variations in funding levels.

#### **2017/18**

Reactive Maintenance - £2.4m + £1.174m DfT Pothole Action Fund + additional £815k DfT Pothole Fund allocation = £4.389m.

Capital Maintenance - £15.4m.

#### **2016/17**

Reactive Maintenance - £2.4m + £0.839m DfT Pothole Action Fund = £3.239m.

Capital Maintenance - £15.3m.

**2015/16**

Reactive Maintenance - £2.4m.

Capital Maintenance - £14.9m.

**2014/15**

Reactive Maintenance - £2.4m + £2.781m DfT Pothole Fund = £5.181m.

Capital Maintenance - £14.1m.

**2013/14**

Reactive Maintenance - £2.4m + £1.565 DfT Weather Repair Fund = £3.965m.

Capital Maintenance - £14.1m.

3. How many reported claims did the Council have for damage property (e.g. cars) and/or injury caused by pot holes in the last financial year?

**Information taken from previous FOIR NCC-030792-18 SEE Q4**

4. How much did the Council Pay out in compensation for damage and/or injury caused by pot holes in the last financial year?

**Information taken from previous FOIR NCC-030792-18**

Calendar Year	Claims Received	Claims Paid	Total
2000	56	13	1,558
2001	152	36	7,308
2002	24	4	321
2002	92	28	9,567
2003	124	43	12,581
2004	82	29	7,546
2005	69	10	6,213
2006	118	32	10,030
2007	131	26	11,234
2008	115	20	6,358
2009	217	27	6,701
2010	357	81	21,168
2011	155	46	13,983
2012	259	69	25,605
2013	266	78	24,348
2014	116	28	7,666

5. How often do the Council carry out regular inspections for each class of road that they are responsible for?

The attached Highway Inspection Manual (HIM) details the inspection system used in Nottinghamshire.

6. What is the Council's policy for prioritising pot holes in the terms of the class and the road size of the pot hole

The attached Highway Inspection Manual (HIM) details the investigation criteria and defect categorisation used in Nottinghamshire.

7. How often did the Council comply with their target period for repairing pot holes in the last financial year?

We do not report nor measure performance on Potholes alone. We do report on Carriageway and Footway jobs. However, a job may comprise of a number of different defect repairs and the measure is in relation to job category (as detailed in the HIM). As this is not in the form you are asking, we have done a separate analysis of the data, based on your enquiry and can confirm that 93.4% of Carriageway jobs (of which a high number are Potholes) were repaired within their target times. To put this into context, the total number of jobs undertaken during this time period was 26,751.

8. How many reports of pot holes in the road were made to the Council by members of the public in the last financial year?

There were 7051 Carriageway Pothole enquiries raised between 01/04/2017 and 31/03/2018. During the same period 87,304 carriageway pothole repairs were undertaken.

The majority of highway defects are identified by the highway Inspection regime detailed in the HIM. Not all enquires received result in a repair for a number of different reasons (eg. location not adopted highway)

We trust this resolves your enquiry, however should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the details below.

In addition to this and for future reference Nottinghamshire County Council regularly publishes previous FOIRs 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 you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or email [complaints@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:complaints@nottscc.gov.uk).

Kind Regards