

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information Request.

I am now able to provide you with the information supplied by the relevant department, as follows:

- **The average Cost of filling in a pothole.**

We do not identify the costs associated with the repair of potholes separately to the delivery of the whole reactive maintenance service. This includes potholes, patching, paving repairs and similar activities to carriageways, footways and verges necessary to keep the Highway safe for users. Overall the budget for such activities is £2.4m per year and this is the annual cost of delivering the service.

- **Average time scale for filling in a pothole.**

All potholes are inspected and where they meet the County Council's investigation criteria a repair is order. Depending on the location, position, depth, risk and other local factors, a repair will be undertaken within either 1 day, 28 days or 90 days (Categorised as 1, 2 or 3). The following table will give you a better understanding of the numbers of potholes that we have dealt with in Nottinghamshire over the last three years and whilst a large proportion of these are Cat 1s ie fixed in less than a day, there is a mix across all categories and the seasons and environmental conditions have a major influence on the numbers arising.

| | Number of Pothole Repairs | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------|
| | Carriageway | Footway |
| 2016-17 | 57635 | 3422 |
| 2017-18 | 87483 | 5434 |
| 2018-19 (to 11th Jan 2019) | 82667 | 7693 |

- **Public Interest**

The following table shows the number of enquiries the County Council has received regarding potholes on the Highway. Not all of these will have resulted in work being undertaken but you will see by comparing the numbers reported and the numbers done that the majority of potholes are identified through the Planned Inspection Regime whereby the highway infrastructure is inspected at a set frequency depending on its use and hierarchy.

| | Number of Pothole Enquiries | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| | Carriageway | Footway |
| 2016-17 | 4560 | 363 |
| 2017-18 | 7052 | 377 |
| 2018-19 (to 11th Jan 2019) | 4291 | 290 |

We have provided a little more information in response to your three set questions so you have a better background to the information being provided. We hope this is of assistance.

I hope this now satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the details below.

In addition to this and for future reference Nottingham County Council regularly 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 you wish to raise any concerns about the way your request was dealt with, then please write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail foi@nottscc.gov.uk quoting the reference number above.

Kind Regards

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