

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information Request.

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

The County Council is not a Housing Authority so we do not have direct responsibility for housing and housing needs, though we do work with the District and Borough Housing Authorities in the County to offer support where appropriate.

In terms of encampments we would only directly intervene and engage with local housing authorities when people set up camp on land we own. For example some parkland areas and land surrounding our bases of work. Our approach has been to work with housing authorities and local homeless charities to find suitable alternative accommodation.

Specifically responding to the FOI request, from our records for the period 2014 - 2018.

How many complaints has the council received about homeless encampments in the local authority area in the last five calendar years (2014, 2015, 2016,2017,2018)? Please break this down by year.

2014 - None recorded. 2015 - None Recorded. 2016 - None Recorded. 2017 - None Recorded. 2018 - 1 recorded

How many tents have been confiscated by the council after they were used to set up "temporary homes" in the local authority area in the last five calendar years (2014, 2015, 2016,2017,2018)? Please break this down by year.

There are no recorded incidents of tent confiscations for the period 2014 - 2018.

What is the current fee charged by the council to homeless people in order to reclaim such possessions?

We have no charging policies that could be applied

How many homeless people have reclaimed their possessions (tents, bags etc) confiscated by the council as part of the policy for clearing homeless encampments in the last five calendar years (2014, 2015, 2016,2017,2018)? Please break this down by year.

We have no incidents of reclamations - since we have not confiscated any tents.

How many homeless encampments have been cleared by the council in the last five calendar years (2014, 2015, 2016,2017,2018)? Please break this down by year. Please say what bylaws were used to clear these areas. For example:

Dispersal powers: section 35 of the 2014 Act allows the police to disperse individuals or groups causing or likely to cause antisocial behaviour in public places or common areas of private land, directing them to leave a specified area and not to return for up to 48 hours.

By homeless encampments I am referring to locations where one or more homeless people live in an area. These encampments can be found on properties owned by private individuals or companies or owned by local, state, and government agencies. They can be in open spaces such as parks etc.

We have not cleared any homeless encampments during the period 2014 - 2018.

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@nottsccl.gov.uk quoting the reference number above.

Kind Regards

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