



# Freedom of Information Request FOI2154

## Request:

Please could you supply the answers to the following three questions relating to pothole compensation claims:

1. How much money overall has been paid out by North Tyneside Council in compensation as a result of claims (whether or not liability was accepted) relating to potholes involving (a) cyclists and (b) motorists in each of the last five financial years: 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19? Please provide the responses for each year separately.
2. How many individual (a) cyclists and (b) motorists have received compensation as a result of legal claims relating to potholes in each of the last five financial years: 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19? Please provide the responses for each year separately.
3. What is North Tyneside Council's total expenditure on legal costs defending and settling legal claims, including both their own and the Claimants' legal costs, for pothole related claims in each of the last five financial years: 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19? Please provide the responses for each year separately.

Submitted on 10/01/20.

## Response:

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I cannot split the figures between motorists and cyclists as our system does not differentiate between these categories. Therefore the figures below are for all highway pothole claims, some of which are pedestrian claims. Back up reports attached.

Claimant's receiving compensation TP legal costs Our Legal costs Total outlay

14/15 - 4 claims

**TP legal costs 32,33713, Our legal costs 7,370.25, Total outlay 57,224.67**

15/16 - 3 claims

**TP legal costs 2,668.00, Our legal costs 150.00, Total outlay 5,555.00**

16/17 - 6 claims

**TP legal costs 4,760.83, Our legal costs 0.00, Total outlay 17,555.61**

17/18 - 7 claims

**TP legal costs 0.00, Our costs 0.00, Total outlay 1,836.19**

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18/19 - 12 claims

**TP legal costs 3,102.00, Our costs 0.00, Total outlay 12,630.94**