

Reference: RFI 1704094

Request:

Subject: Asbestos and toxic substances reported in relation to flytipping

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Please tell me:

1)

a) How many incidents of asbestos fly-tipping, both small and large scale, there were in the financial years of:

2014-2015 - 2
2015-2016 -10
2016-2017 - 4

b) What's the largest amount of asbestos that's been fly tipped in the financial years of: (Please give answer in tonnes.)

- 2014-2015
- 2015-2016
- 2016-2017

All of our fly tipping data is submitted on the WasteDataFlow (WDF) a web-based system for Local Authorities from all UK regions to enter data relating to waste arisings and their management, treatment, recycling, reuse and disposal.

The fly-tipping returns comprise of two main elements; Incidents and actions taken. The data required to be captured does not incorporate what is being requested.

c) What's the longest time period an asbestos fly tip site, both small and large scale, was left from the moment it was reported until the day of removal in the financial years of: (Please list in days.)

- 2014-2015
- 2015-2016
- 2016-2017

See b) above

d) How much did it cost the council to remove the asbestos at the sites reported? (Same financial years as above.)

The amount of expenditure incurred to remove asbestos at fly-tipping sites (following works procured & carried out by suppliers for NTC) is as follows:

- 2014-2015 £0/Nil

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- 2015-2016 £145.00 (note of the 10 instances recorded we only instructed for removal in 3 cases - we may not instruct for removal if the tipping was on private land, or the material was not asbestos on further inspection)
- 2016-2017 £1,094.00

e) Out of those incidents of fly-tipping involving asbestos, how many led to successful prosecution or fines? (Same financial years as above.)

- 2014-2015 None
- 2015-2016 None
- 2016-2017 None

2) How many incidents of fly-tipping that were reported contained toxic material? Please list the items that were found as examples.

- 2014-2015
- 2015-2016
- 2016-2017

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To obtain the data would require inspecting each complaint for the years in question and identifying those pertaining to accumulations and which of those include details of asbestos containing materials / associated toxic materials.

Therefore this part of the request is refused under s12 (1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

In assessing the cost of complying, the costs attributable to officer time involved in complying have been taken into account. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the Regulations, which equates to eighteen hours of officer time.

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