

The main principle behind the FOI/EIR legislation is that the public have the right to know about the activities of public authorities, unless there is good reason for them not to. **Disclosure of information should be the** For purpose of these questions, please consider all references to a "pothole" to be defined as any physical defect in the surface of the road which potentially poses a hazard to road users, such as potholes, sunken manhole covers, cracks in the tarmac or any other defect.

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| 1) How many incidents regarding damage to a vehicle caused by potholes were reported in the year 2019-20?          | 126   |
| 2) How many incidents regarding damage to a vehicle caused by potholes were reported in the year 2020-21?          | 56  |
| 3) How many incidents regarding damage to a vehicle caused by potholes were reported in the year 2021-2022?        | 90  |
| 4) How many incidents regarding damage to a vehicle caused by potholes were reported in the year 2022-2023         | 80  |
| 5) Do you have a target repair time for repairing a pothole once it has been reported?                             | <p>This response time is determined by a risk-based approach as follows:</p> <p>Priority 1 is – 2 hours<br/>           Priority 2 is – 24 hours<br/>           Priority 3 is – 14 days<br/>           Priority 4 is – 28 days</p>   |
| 6) How many potholes/defects were repaired by the council in each of the following years - 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022? | <p>We do not hold information on 'pot-holes' repaired. However, the total number of all types of carriageway defects that were repaired is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2019 – 4,761</li> <li>• 2020 – 3,623</li> <li>• 2021 – 4,328</li> <li>• 2022 – 3,326</li> </ul>  |
| 7) How much has the council spent repairing potholes in the following years - 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022?              | <p>We do not hold information on the cost of repairing 'pot-holes' only. However, the total cost for repairing all types of highways defects (carriageway and footway) is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2019 - £926,806</li> <li>• 2020 - £976,480</li> <li>• 2021 - £740,315</li> <li>• 2022 - £604,430</li> </ul> |