



REQUEST 18220

I am requesting the following information relating to rodent infestations within your local authority area, for the calendar years 2023, 2024, and 2025 (or up to most recent data where possible).

Residential Properties

Total Number of Residential Rodent Infestations:- Please provide the total number of residential rodent infestations that your council dealt with or responded to (e.g., through direct pest control services, advice, or recorded incidents) for:

- Calendar year 2023
- Calendar year 2024
- Calendar year 2025

Non-Residential Public Buildings

Total Number of Rodent Infestations in Non-Residential Public Buildings:- Please provide the total number of rodent infestations that your council dealt with or responded to within non-residential public buildings owned or directly managed by the council.

- Calendar year 2023
- Calendar year 2024
- Calendar year 2025

Expenditure

Expenditure on Residential Rodent Infestations:- Please state the total amount of money spent by the council on dealing with residential rodent infestations (e.g., direct service costs, contractor fees, staffing costs specifically allocated to this service) for:

- Calendar year 2023
- Calendar year 2024
- Calendar year 2025

RESPONSE

Please see attached excel spreadsheet

Residential properties

Please note that our Council records data based on the number of pest control visits rather than individual infestation cases. As part of our standard procedure, each report of rodents typically requires up to 3 visits. Therefore, the figures provided on the spreadsheet represent the total number of visits undertaken in response to rodent reports. It's not reflective of total rodent infestations.

Non-Residential Public Buildings

The same applies as above but we have contracted works in some public buildings which sees them receive a regular visit from pest control, so any infestations may not be recorded as such. The figures provided are the one-off jobs specifically for rodents.

Expenditure

We are unable to provide a breakdown of specific expenditure relating solely to rodent infestations. This is because:

- Pest control materials (rodenticides, insecticides, baits, traps, equipment) are purchased in bulk and used across a range of pest control services, not just rodents.
- Staffing costs are not allocated to pest type. We have 4 full time officers, who each cover a variety of pests, not just rodents.

So, as such, the council doesn't hold recorded expenditure specifically placed on rodent infestations and it's not possible to split the cost accurately, or even give an estimate.