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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI680391634**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Rats injuries.

You have requested the following information:

- 1. On how many occasions since January 1st 2015, has a cleansing worker been injured in an incident involving a rat/rats? This would include cuts and grazes as a result of scratches. If possible and it does not exceed the cost threshold, could this please be broken down by year?**
- 2. On how many occasions since 2015, has a cleansing worker been admitted to hospital as a result of an incident involving a rat/rats? If possible and it does not exceed the cost threshold, could this please be broken down by year?**
- 3. On how many occasions since 2015, has a cleansing worker been admitted to hospital and given a precautionary tetanus jab, as a result of an incident involving a rat/rats? If possible and it does not exceed the cost threshold, could this please be broken down by year?**

**Note: The term 'cleansing worker' refers to those working in refuse/waste collection and street cleaning. Also known as 'bin workers' or 'binmen and women'.**

In response to your request, we confirm that we do not have any recorded instances of employees in our Waste services being injured after contact with rats/rodents.

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Yours faithfully

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