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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)  
Request ID: FOI684857075**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Cost spent on potholes.

You have requested the following information:

**I am after information relating to the number of potholes and the cost spent on potholes under your jurisdiction.  
In particular, are you able to provide me with:**

**1. The cost to make a pothole safe (temporary repair). Please provide information for the listed years below only.**

We are advising you as per Section 1(1) that we do not hold this information. The cost is not recorded. The cost will depend on factors such as the size of the defect, whether traffic management is needed, etc. We can advise how much has been spent on pothole repairs as per Question 2.

**2. The cost to fully repair a pothole. Please provide information for the listed years below only.**

We can only provide the information per financial year which is as follows:

2021-22: £1,505,181

2022-23: £2,301,100

2023-24: £1,759,281

**3. How many potholes were recorded in your jurisdiction for the below years? Please**

**provide information for the listed years below only.**

We have provided the figures below for the number of carriageway pothole jobs raised, not the number of carriageway potholes recorded, as each job may have multiple potholes on it. In order to provide the number of potholes recorded, an officer will need to check the description on each job manually for analysis. It is estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

2022 – 2234 jobs raised (of which 309 are for a temporary repair)

2023 – 2730 jobs raised (of which 310 are for a temporary repair)

2024 – 2728 jobs raised (or which 164 are for a temporary repair)

**4. Of those recorded, how many of those were fully repaired or made safe? Please provide information for the listed years below only and separate out by whether they were made safe or fully repaired.**

From the jobs raised detailed in Q3 above, please see below how many of these jobs have been closed (either work completed/work no longer required/etc).

Again as per the response to Question 3, please note the below figures are for the number of carriageway pothole jobs that have been closed of those raised in each of the below years, not the number of carriageway potholes, as each job may have multiple potholes on it.

Please also note that the figure for temporary repairs is approximate as it is based on what the job was raised for, rather than what they completed on site. To be provide the figure for the number of temporary repairs the notes on each job will need to be analysed. It is estimated that the cost of meeting this part of your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

Jobs raised in 2022 – of the 2234 jobs raised in 2022, 2171 have been closed (of which 309 jobs are for temporary repairs)

Jobs raised in 2023 – of the 2730 jobs raised in 2023, 2511 have been closed (of which 309 jobs are for temporary repairs)

Jobs raised in 2024 - of the 2728 jobs raised in 2024, 2525 have been closed (or which 161 jobs are for temporary repairs)

**5. What is the most times the same pothole has been 'made safe' (temporary repair) in one year. Please provide information for the listed years below only.**

We hold the information which you have asked for, but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

We do not hold this information in a reportable format. Each job may contain multiple potholes and therefore the description on each job will need to be analysed to answer this question. It is estimated that this will exceed 18 hours and therefore this part of your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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