

## Information Governance Team

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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI690150203

Thank you for your request for information relating to Garden related complaints.

You have requested the following information:

Clarification: I am aware that some councils would log some reports as a request for service, rather than an official complaint. Please include these instances within the response.

- 1. The total number of complaints received by the council about residential gardens for each of the past five years from 2020 to 2024.
- 2. If held, a breakdown of these complaints by category, indicating the nature of the complaint (e.g., maintenance issues, dog fouling, safety concerns, rubbish complaints, overgrown, unsightly etc.).
- 3. If held, any actions or measures taken by the council to address these complaints.

In response to your request, the data for actual complaints relating to residential gardens is not held in that format. To assist, we have extracted data using key-word searches referring to "residential", "domestic", or "garden", which is shown below:

Complaint	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Unslightly Property	464	415	320	478	522
Waste in	280	285	224	18	196
Garden					
Street	7	8	8	3	8
Enforcement					
Street	1	3	4	0	0
Cleansing					

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

Yours faithfully

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