

CITY OF  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
COUNCIL

## Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000915  
Date 24 February 2017

### ***Potholes***

#### **Request:**

Please could you provide the following information regarding potholes dealt with by the council:

1. How many potholes were reported to the council during in 2016?  
1,982
2. How many potholes were reported to the council during in 2015?  
1,493
3. How many potholes were reported to the council during in 2014?  
971
4. How many potholes were repaired by the council (or council contractors) in 2016?  
1,982
5. How many potholes were repaired by the council (or council contractors) in 2015?  
1,493
6. How many potholes were repaired by the council (or council contractors) in 2014?  
971
7. If known, what was the total cost to the council of repairing potholes in 2016? (An estimate is sufficient) 8. If known, what was the total cost to the council of repairing potholes in 2015? (An estimate is sufficient) 9. If known, what was the total cost to the council of repairing potholes in 2014? (An estimate is sufficient)  
In respect of question 7, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information in the category you are specifically requesting.

We cannot provide the actual cost of pothole repairs separately, we can only provide the budget for highways maintenance for each of the years and budget envelope covers all highways road and maintenance in the City.

Consequently, we are unable to provide the actual cost of pothole repairs separately, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

However, please find below the breakdown of defects reported and as they were all classed as a category one defect they were all repaired.

The table below breaks it down into defect type:

	Total Defect Reports	Defect Type					
		CWPH	CWDA	CWDE	CWDS	CWUN	CWRE
2014	971	513	244	45	93	76	0
2015	1493	758	389	68	179	98	1
2016	1982	1146	403	124	205	102	2

CWPH – Carriageway Pothole  
CWDA – Carriageway Damage  
CWDE – Carriageway Depression  
CWDS – Carriageway Deterioration Surrounding  
CWUN – Carriageway Uneven  
CWRE – Carriageway Reinstatement Failure