

CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
C O U N C I L

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000972
Date 15 March 2017

Compensation – Injury Claims

Request:

1. In the last three years, how much money has your council paid out in compensation following personal injury claims, and work related accident claims?

Please break down by total amount for the last three financial years (2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 so far).

This request relates to the year the compensation money was paid out, even if the incident occurred in a previous year.

This request includes injuries which were caused due to faults on council-maintained roads.

Please note that the information provided is up to and including 28 January 2017.

2. Broken down for the same financial years above, please state the amount paid in legal costs relating to personal injury claims - including those where cases were unsuccessful. Please also break down these costs by legal firm. This relates to the year the money was paid to the firm, even if the incident or conclusion of the case occurred in an earlier year.

Following careful consideration, the Council regrets to inform you that it has decided not to disclose this information.

Information you have requested has been withheld from disclosure. The exemption engaged is Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

Section 12 of the FOI exempts Public Authorities from providing information where the estimated cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit. Any estimate must be undertaken in accordance with the limits set in fees regulations made under Section 12 (5) of the FOI.

These Fees Regulations (SI 2004/3244 Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations) allow for a refusal where the cost of compliance, for local authorities such as the Council, would exceed £450. As a guide, staff time to identify and extract this information is charged at a rate of £25 per hour.

In summary to provide the information we would have to manually trawl through hundreds of files to produce the details analysis you required. The reason for this is that the system that holds this information has now become obsolete. We are at present working on a new system that will hold this information but we do not have a date when this will be available at present.

Therefore, in estimating the cost of complying with a request for information, an authority can only take into account any reasonable costs incurred in:

“(a) determining whether it holds the information,

(b) locating the information, or a document which may contain the information,

(c) retrieving the information, or a document which may contain the information, and

(d) extracting the information from a document containing it”.

3. For each successful case (where a claimant was awarded compensation for a personal injury or accident at work), please state:

- The year the money was paid out
Please see attached table.
- The total amount of compensation money paid
Please see attached table.
- The total amount spent on legal costs relating to the case - such as solicitors fees for both the council and the claimant. Please exclude any legal fees that were reimbursed.
Please see our response to question 2 above.
- The type of injury, where it occurred (e.g. council building, school, etc.) and how it occurred.
Please see attached table.
- Whether the claimant was a staff member, or member of the public.
In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

"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".

Compensation Paid £	Year Paid	Legal Costs	Type of Injury	Location	Location
17,500.00	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Fingers	School	School
1,000.00	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Lower arm, knee, facial	Low Street, Wolverhampton	Low Street, Wolverhampton
20,000.00	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Knee	Civic Hall	Civic Hall
4,000.00	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Hand, wrist	Civic Hall	Civic Hall
1,000.00	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Foot, knee, hand	Bulger Road/Hadley Road Junction	Bulger Road/Hadley Road Junction
7,850.00	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Collar bone	Hampton Road	Hampton Road
3,075.00	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Wrist	Sandland Close	Sandland Close
4,900.00	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Facial injury, back, upper arm	The Slade Rooms	The Slade Rooms
22,000.00	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Knee, hip, ankle	Bilston Outdoor Market, by Hop Pole Pub	Bilston Outdoor Market, by Hop Pole Pub
2,000.00	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Wrist	Aldersley Leisure Village	Aldersley Leisure Village
3,375.00	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Fingers	School	School
10,501.10	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Teeth, ankle	North Street	North Street
22,481.42	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Collar bone, shoulder	Bilston Industrial Estate	Bilston Industrial Estate
1,500.00	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Ankle	Chapel Street Wednesfield	Chapel Street Wednesfield
4,300.00	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Facial injury, torso, ankle	Batchcroft Car Park Bilston	Batchcroft Car Park Bilston
2,250.00	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Head	Brantley Avenue	Brantley Avenue
5,000.00	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Knee	Manor Road	Manor Road
1,600.00	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Shoulder, upper arm, knee	Graiseley Lane	Graiseley Lane
1,300.00	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Back	Dixon Street/Major Street	Dixon Street/Major Street
9,825.38	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Shoulder, neck	Upper Villiers Street, Wolverhampton	Upper Villiers Street, Wolverhampton
2,250.00	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Back, neck, knee	Bath Avenue steps up to Ring Road St Andrew	Bath Avenue steps up to Ring Road St Andrew
1,600.00	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Hand	School	School
7,870.00	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Facial injury, knee, head	Vicarage Road	Vicarage Road
4,793.96	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Back	Bert Williams leisure centre	Bert Williams leisure centre
10,750.42	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Wrist, facial injury	Pinfold Lane	Pinfold Lane
4,407.38	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Wrist	Wallace Road	Wallace Road
4,350.00	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Collar bone	Julian Road	Julian Road
3,000.00	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Knee	Blackhalve Lane	Blackhalve Lane
1,270.00	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Head, shoulder, elbow	Shaw Road	Shaw Road
2,554.00	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Ankle	All Saints Road near to junction Birmingham New Road	All Saints Road near to junction Birmingham New Road
4,708.00	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Elbow, knee	Bilston Market	Bilston Market
5,908.02	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Ankle	Rupert Street	Rupert Street
40.51	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Elbow	Coleman Street	Coleman Street
2,556.92	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Lower leg, knee	Brooklands Parade	Brooklands Parade
1,650.00	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Hip, knee	Northwood Park Road	Northwood Park Road
600	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Ankle, stomach	Burcot Avenue	Burcot Avenue
3,500.00	2014/15	Not presently obtainable	Hand, wrist, knee	Bradmore Community Centre	Bradmore Community Centre
207,267.11	2014/15 Total				
8,000.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Lower arm	Bushbury Lane Park	Bushbury Lane Park
3,500.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Collar bone	School	School
8,824.11	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Shoulder	Princess Street	Princess Street
31,500.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Wrist	School	School
15,000.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Facial injury, teeth	School	School
2,000.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Foot	School	School
500	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Lower leg, hands	Cadman Crescent	Cadman Crescent
12,000.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Ankle	Howard Road	Howard Road
2,640.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Ankle, wrist, lower leg	Hamilton Gardens	Hamilton Gardens
3,250.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Ankle, foot, lower leg	Powell Place	Powell Place

2,000.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Teeth	Millichip Rd & Vernon Close. Willenhall. Alley between both roads	Millichip Rd & Vernon Close. Willenhall. Alley between both roads
2,500.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Knee	Coronation Road, Bilston	Coronation Road, Bilston
3,000.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Ankle	Stowheath Lane Junction of Bedford Street	Stowheath Lane Junction of Bedford Street
6,000.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Head, facial injury, neck	Bell Place	Bell Place
1,500.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Finger, wrist	Wenlock Avenue	Wenlock Avenue
2,000.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Ankle	Batchcroft Car Park	Batchcroft Car Park
6,020.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Soft tissue injury	Windmill Lane	Windmill Lane
1,188.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Upper leg	Aldersley Stadium	Aldersley Stadium
1,250.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Ankle	The Crescent	The Crescent
5,790.20	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Back	Lawnside Green,	Lawnside Green,
2,597.25	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Head	School	School
2,486.95	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Elbow, knee	Joans Field Crescent	Joans Field Crescent
2,500.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Neck, knee, lower arm	Prouds Lane, Bilston	Prouds Lane, Bilston
4,500.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Toe	Broad Street Bilston	Broad Street Bilston
2,292.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Elbow, knee	Bilston Market	Bilston Market
1,100.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Upper leg	First Avenue	First Avenue
3,734.14	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Knee, foot	Dixon Street	Dixon Street
8,046.65	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Facial injury	School	School
4,000.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Ankle, elbow	Stevens Gate	Stevens Gate
4,250.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Knee, ankle	Wednesfield Link Open Space	Wednesfield Link Open Space
2,000.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Head	Willenhall Road, Bilston	Willenhall Road, Bilston
2,760.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Back, head	Redoak House	Redoak House
6,199.50	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Facial injury, teeth, torso	Bradley Resource Centre	Bradley Resource Centre
7,533.72	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Toe, wrist, hand	Mandale Road	Mandale Road
1,986.80	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Ankle	Goodyear Avneue	Goodyear Avneue
6,343.50	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Foot	Willenhall Road	Willenhall Road
10,059.09	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Collar bone, back, neck	Purbrook Road/Hickman Avenue	Purbrook Road/Hickman Avenue
3,410.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Ankle, back	junction of George Street & Boydon Close	junction of George Street & Boydon Close
2,763.02	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Eyes	Footway/Alleyway on Cannock Road	Footway/Alleyway on Cannock Road
10,052.06	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Back, neck	Mountford Lane	Mountford Lane
3,540.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Ankle, hips, shoulder	Bilston Road (opposite Halfords)	Bilston Road (opposite Halfords)
2,094.68	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Knee	Dunstall Avenue	Dunstall Avenue
4,762.50	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Shoulder, wrist, knee	Old Heath Road	Old Heath Road
2,500.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Back, knee, ankle	Alleyway on Castle Yard, by Greggs	Alleyway on Castle Yard, by Greggs
1,000.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Knee, ankle, back	Sutherland Avenue	Sutherland Avenue
3,520.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Upper leg, back	Leicester Street	Leicester Street
2,090.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Knee, facial injury, mouth	Parker Road	Parker Road
3,400.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Ankle, shoulder, hip	Hickman Avenue/Culwick Street junction	Hickman Avenue/Culwick Street junction
3,087.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Head	Bilston Market	Bilston Market
3,013.00	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Ankle, lower leg	South Green	South Green
2,602.09	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Lower leg, knee, hand	Millfileds Road, Bilston	Millfileds Road, Bilston
4,338.99	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Knee, back	Elizabeth Avenue, Bilston	Elizabeth Avenue, Bilston
500	2015/16	Not presently obtainable	Ankle	Darlington Street/Victoria Street	Darlington Street/Victoria Street
243,525.25	2015/16	Total			
15,000.00	2016/17	Not presently obtainable	Facial injury, teeth	School	School
3,000.00	2016/17	Not presently obtainable	Head, eye	Wolverhampton Magistrates Court car park	Wolverhampton Magistrates Court car park
20	2016/17	Not presently obtainable	Upper arm, facial injury	Fifth Avenue	Fifth Avenue
3,345.66	2016/17	Not presently obtainable	Back	Wolverhampton Indoor Market	Wolverhampton Indoor Market
8,750.00	2016/17	Not presently obtainable	Hand, lower leg, back	Dudley Street/Broadmoor Road, Bilston	Dudley Street/Broadmoor Road, Bilston
2,933.50	2016/17	Not presently obtainable	Hand, upper arm, shoulder	Clifton Street	Clifton Street

2,650.00	2016/17	Not presently obtainable	Illness	Windmill Resource Centre	Windmill Resource Centre
8,113.24	2016/17	Not presently obtainable	Head	Stafford Road	Stafford Road
1,500.00	2016/17	Not presently obtainable	Facial Injury	The Haymarket Park	The Haymarket Park
3,287.00	2016/17	Not presently obtainable	Elbow, knee, back	Lichfield Road/Wood End Road	Lichfield Road/Wood End Road
5,356.00	2016/17	Not presently obtainable	Finger, hip, back	Wright Avenue, near Davenport Road, Wolverhampton	Wright Avenue, near Davenport Road, Wolverhampton
2,250.00	2016/17	Not presently obtainable	Ankle	Dimmock Street	Dimmock Street
2,750.00	2016/17	Not presently obtainable	Elbow, shoulder, knee	Cable Street	Cable Street
3,525.00	2016/17	Not presently obtainable	Hand	Lichfield Road Wednesfield opp Dog & Partridge Pub	Lichfield Road Wednesfield opp Dog & Partridge Pub
1,463.00	2016/17	Not presently obtainable	Ankle, hand	wenlock Avenue, junction with Trysull Road	wenlock Avenue, junction with Trysull Road
63,943.40	2016/17 Total				