

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

- 1. The number of claims made by members of the public against the local authority regarding alleged injuries sustained by tripping over, falling into (or by any other means) potholes in public areas. Please provide this information by year over a period beginning at the start of 2009 to the present day.**

ANSWER:

[Please see attached spreadsheet for the number of claims made.](#)

- 2. The number of claims that the local authority settled out of court or after a court case, and the total amount of damages paid out to each claimant (s), again over the same timescale. In this instance, please feel free to redact the names of the claimants.**

[Please see attached spreadsheet for the number of claims settled.](#)

- 3. The number of false pothole claims that have resulted in the prosecution of members of the public for fraud or related charges, again over the same period.**

[There have been no prosecutions relating to fraudulent claims made by people alleging tripping over pot-holes. We have had one successful prosecution for forgery as a result of a person alleging that their vehicle was damaged by a speed bump.](#)

- 4. The details of each of these cases, complete with the names of those charged, the venue of the case, the dates on which it was held, and the verdict, again over the same period.**

[No prosecutions as stated above.](#)

- 5. Any evidence that any of these frauds was 'organised', in the sense that it involved more than one person in a conspiracy or similar situation.**

[Not applicable.](#)

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LEICESTER LE1 6ZG
e-mail: FOIA@leicester.gov.uk

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Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
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www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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