

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: Is your register of cooling towers in your area up-to-date, and how many cooling towers are currently registered?

ANSWER

Yes – 33 registered cooling towers

2: How many of these are the council responsible for regulating, and how many are the responsibility of the Health and Safety Executive?

5 are Leicester City Council enforced and 28 are enforced by the HSE

3: How many pro-active health and safety inspections have been carried out by the council each year for the past five years regarding legionella risks, or management of legionella risks, at:

a) cooling towers sites

None – Businesses are either closed down, low risk or not part of focused high-risk inspection programme;

and

b) other water systems with potential legionella risks

Approx. 500 (Care homes, nurseries, playgroups, hotels, crèches etc) – Accurate figures not available as legionella risks are included as part of focused inspections and not identified (or recorded) separately.

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

Information Governance Manager

Information and Support

Leicester City Council

FREEPOST (LE985/33)

New Walk Centre

LEICESTER LE1 6ZG

e-mail: info.requests@leicester.gov.uk

Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

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Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 700

www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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Yours sincerely

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