



Reference: FOI-239

Request:

1. How many play parks have been closed in the area in the last 10 financial years?
2. How many complaints have been received about the general state of play parks in the area in the last five financial years?
3. How much has been spent on the upkeep and/or refurbishment of play parks in the last five financial years?
4. How many reports of vandalism in play parks have there been in the last five financial years?
5. How many injuries have been reported in play parks in the last five financial years, and what were the nature of those injuries?

Response:

1. 0 (zero)
2. To ascertain this information would require manually going into each complaint registered during this period. Therefore, this part of the request is refused under s12 (1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.
In assessing the cost of complying, the costs attributable to officer time involved in complying have been considered. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the Regulations, which equates to eighteen hours of officer time.
3. Annual revenue expenditure incurred on play-sites/parks (including employee costs as well as upkeep, maintenance and refurbishment costs) were as follows:
2017/18: £0.199m
2018/19: £0.203m
2019/20: £0.190m
2020/21: £0.199m
2021/22: £0.231m

Capital Expenditure on play sites for renewals/refurbishment was:

2017/18: £0.020m
2018/19: £0.000m
2019/20: £0.006m
2020/21: £0.054m
2021/22: £0.071m

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4. To ascertain this information would require manually going into each enquiry relating to parks registered during this period. Therefore, this part of the request is refused under s12 (1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. In assessing the cost of complying, the costs attributable to officer time involved in complying have been considered. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the Regulations, which equates to eighteen hours of officer time.

5.

Financial Year	Number Of Incidents	Nature Of Incidents
2017/2018	17	Bruises, Chipped Teeth, Concussion, Cut/Lacerations, Dislocation, Nose Bleeds, Medical, Grazes, Breaks/Fractures, Burns, Spelks, Sprains, No Injury Visible, Other
2018/2019	11	
2019/2020	*	
2020/2021	*	
2021/2022	10	

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