

Request:

I would like to request information regarding the number of reports of dog fouling complaints and the measures the council is taking to stop such complaints.

1. How many complaints have you had in the last 12 months (March 2023–March 2024) about dog poo/dog waste being reported in public areas – i.e. in parks, on pavements, walkways, public fields, etc.?
2. How many complaints have you had in the last 12 months (March 2023–March 2024) about dog poo/dog waste being reported on private property – i.e. someone’s front garden, driveway, path, etc.?
3. How many complaints did you have in the 12 months prior (March 2022–March 2023) about dog poo/dog waste being reported in public areas?
4. How many complaints did you have in the 12 months prior (March 2022–March 2023) about dog poo/dog waste being reported on private property – i.e. someone’s front garden, driveway, path, etc.?
5. How many people were prosecuted or issued with a fixed penalty notice for not cleaning up dog waste/dog poo between March 2023–March 2024?
6. How many people were prosecuted or issued with a fixed penalty notice for not cleaning up dog waste/dog poo between March 2022–March 2023?



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7. How many dog poo/dog waste bins do you have, as of March 2024? This includes dedicated dog poo/dog waste bins as well as public litter bins that accept dog waste
8. How many dog poo/dog waste bins did you have as of March 2023? This includes dedicated dog poo/dog waste bins as well as public litter bins that accept dog waste
9. Do you have any plans to increase the number of dog poo/dog waste bins?
10. Do you have any plans to decrease the number of dog poo/dog waste bins?
11. If so, on either question 9 or 10, by how many – please state a number rather than a percentage.

Response:

1. 657 reports of dog fouling were received during the period 01/03/2023 – 24/01/2024. However, this is not broken down by location. To provide the number of reports of dog fouling in public areas, each report would need to be manually inspected.

Therefore, this part of the request is refused under section 12 (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.

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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.

2. 657 reports of dog fouling were received during the period 01/03/2023 – 24/01/2024. However, this is not broken down by location. To provide the number of reports of dog fouling on private property, each report would need to be manually inspected.

Therefore, this part of the request is refused under section 12 (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. 2 formal complaints and 784 reports of dog fouling were received during the period 01/03/2022 – 28/02/2023. However, this is not broken down by location. To provide the number of reports of dog fouling in public areas, each report would need to be manually inspected.

Therefore, this part of the request is refused under section 12 (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.

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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.

4. 2 formal complaints and 784 reports of dog fouling were received during the period 01/03/2022 – 28/02/2023. However, this is not broken down by location. To provide the number of reports of dog fouling on private land, each report would need to be manually inspected.

Therefore, this part of the request is refused under section 12 (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.

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5. 6 fixed penalty notices were issued.
6. 20 fixed penalty notices were issued.
4 prosecutions took place.
7. Bins in North Tyneside Council are not categorised specifically as specifically for dog waste. All public bins accept all general waste. The recorded total number of on street bins as of March 2024 is 1,683.
8. Information not held.

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9. 100 additional bins for litter/dog waste were installed across the borough in the summer of 2023.

There are no further formal plans to increase the number of bins. However any enquiries from the public, staff or members about additional bins will be considered.

10. No

11. Not applicable.