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Request:

FOI - Research project on recycling refuse collectors noise exposure

As part of a MSc research project for Loughborough University can you please answer the following questions and request for supporting information.

If you use a third-party contractor to complete this duty, can you request this information from your service provider.

All information provided will be kept confidential and no organisation, local authority or company will be named in the research findings.

Question 1

Which method for collecting recycling glass do you complete? (kerbside or co-mingled for example)

Kerbside wheeled bin with glass caddy.

Question 2

- I. Have you completed any noise assessments for refuse recycling collection services?

Yes.

- II. If yes, have these been completed for exposure to the workforce or for environmental noise?

Yes.

Question 3

If you have completed noise assessments for noise exposure to the workforce of recycling refuse collections, can you please provide the information with exposure levels? (Sound level readings, dosimeter readings or noise assessment reports)

Please see the attached document - All crews were fitted with device to monitor exposure levels as guided with our Health & Safety Team.

Question 4



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If you have not completed noise assessments for recycling refuse collection services, can you provide the rationale for not completing these? (Working environmental noise or other hazards)

N/A.

Question 5

- I. Do you consider any existing noise induced hearing loss when recruiting a new employee as a recycling refuse loader?
- II. Or, when contracting agency staff, as refuse loaders?

No

Question 6

- I. Do you provide recycling refuse collection loaders with any personal hearing protection?
- II. If yes, what type?

Yes - SNR 35 decibel ear plugs.

- III. If No, the rationale for not? (may be similar to question 4 response)

N/A.

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