



21 March 2018

## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 288/18

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

### Request & Response:

1. Whether your local authority provides a pest control service

Answer:

No. Rutland County Council's in-house pest control service ceased in September 2015.

2. How much the council spent on reducing pest infestation in each year since 2009-10?

Answer:

Rutland County Council's pest control spend has never differentiated between reducing pest infestations and preventing pest infestations:

Between 2009-10 and September 2015, Rutland County Council's pest control service cost approx. £14,000 per annum, net of receipt of associated income.

Rutland County Council has had no direct budget for reducing pest infestations or preventing pest infestations since September 2015.

3. How much the council spent on preventing pest infestation in each year since 2009-10?

Answer:

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Rutland County Council has had no direct budget for reducing pest infestations or preventing pest infestations since September 2015.

4. How many people you employed as pest controllers in each year since 2009-10?

Answer:

Between 2009-10 and September 2015 when Rutland County Council's



in-house pest control service ceased, the Council's pest control resource equated to 0.5 FTE.

5. On how many occasions have people asked you to deal with issues related to pest infestation in each year since 2009-10?

Answer:

2009-10 = Rutland County Council does not hold this information

2010-11 = Rutland County Council does not hold this information

2011-12 = 795

2012-13 = 435

2013-14 = 620

2014-15 = 668

2015-16 (until September 2015) = 252

This is not applicable since September 2015.

6. On how many occasions have pest controllers from your local authority visited homes and businesses in each year since 2009-10 to deal with problems

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Yours faithfully

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