

Environmental Information Regulations Request No. 4871

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Request/Response

- 1) How many complaints did your council receive about noise nuisance in the years 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018 (to date)? (Please provide figures for each separate year)

2015 = 312 (due to a change in computer system that year we can only provide information from March onwards)

2016 = 276

2017 = 246

2018 = 157

- 2) How many investigations into noise nuisance did your council carry out in the above years? (Again please can you break this down by year)

The only way we could assess if a complaint was investigated or not would be to interrogate each one in turn. With 991 complaints to interrogate it is estimated this would take 82.5 hours of officer's time and it is therefore considered that this information is exempt under Reg 12(4)(b) (manifestly unreasonable) and is not provided.

Our policy on investigating noise complaints can be found on our website <http://www.rother.gov.uk/article/12748/Reporting-a-pollution-problem>

- 3) How many of those investigated were classed as Statutory Nuisances in the above years? (break down by year)

We served the following Noise Abatement Notices under the Environmental Protection Act 1990:

2015 = 4 (due to a change in computer system that year we can only provide information from March onwards)

2016 = 3

2017 = 3

2018 = 1

- 4) How many warnings were issued in the above years? (break down by year)

0

- 5) How many prosecutions were there in the above years? (break down by year)

0

- 6) If possible, please can you provide short details of prosecutions (i.e the general location and short details of the case – e.g “continuously barking dog”)

N/A