

Environmental Information Regulations Request No. 5606

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Request/Response

1. What is the name of your local authority

Rother District Council

2. How many reports of discarded needles has your local authority had during the following periods:

- a) 2016/17
- b) 2017/18
- c) 2018/19

Rother District Council entered a new waste contract with Biffa in July 2019. The information you are requesting we no longer have access to. The waste management system KIERWAY which held all our service requests was hosted by our previous contractor Kier Environmental services and as we are no longer in contract with them so we no longer have access to this information.

Based on our experiences we see 10-20 cases of needles reported by the public per annum. Our contractors may remove a higher volume as not all cases will be formally recorded as we expect our contractor to remove this type of litter as routine work not under an additional formal request.

3. If possible, please provide examples of public places where these discarded needles in Q2 were found

The majority of our drug related litter callouts are in our public toilets and seafront shelters

4. How many **call outs** for drug related litter has your local authority had during the following periods:

See answer to question 2

- a) 2016/17
- b) 2017/18
- c) 2018/19

5. How many **items** of 'drugs related litter' were discovered by your local authority in the following periods:

- a) 2016/17
- b) 2017/18
- c) 2018/19

See answer to question 2