

Response to Request for Information

Reference EIR 000087
Date 31 October 2016

Street Cleanliness

Request:

I would like to request information your council has on indicators of street cleanliness for your local authority's streets (for example, NI195, BV199a and other indicators would all be acceptable/welcome) for 2014/15.

Specifically, I would like details of the measurement method you use for assessing street cleanliness (such as NI195, BV199a, or a brief description of the measure used) and the scores for all components of the measure for the local authority as a whole. Please note, we do not need the scores for each of the streets. Rather, we want an aggregate statistic for the whole council area. For example, a common statistic would be 'the proportion of streets which are the responsibility of the council that meet a satisfactory level of street cleanliness'. I would then like an explanation of the standard and methodology of measurement used. Please feel free to make that description relative to the NI195 measurement methodology, since I understand this well.

If it is possible to provide the same assessment for 2009/10, I would welcome that. However, I would ask that you prioritise the 2014/15 data.

In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as we ceased carrying out NI195 inspections on 31 March 2013 as this was no longer a requirement of Central Government. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".