

Freedom of Information Request

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***Note to Applicant:** As of 1 April 2017, North Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (NEP) and South Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (SEPT) merged to form one new organisation known as Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT).

Information Requested:

I write under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information.

Could you please provide the following information relating to potholes across your estate:

1. Please detail the annual cost to your Trust (in each financial year since 2010) of:
 - a. Damage directly caused by potholes
 - b. Repairing potholes
 2. Please detail how many potholes there are across your estate in total at the current time.
 3. How many potholes have been reported on your estate each year since 2010?
 4. What is the diameter of the largest pothole currently on your estate? Please also provide details of the size of the largest pothole which has existed on your estate since 2010.
 5. Please outline how many occasions there have been when you wished to repair a pothole, but due to funding shortages the pothole was not repaired or the repair was delayed.
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Response:

The Trust is unable to provide this information as individual records are not held for the entire estate.

However, the Trust can advise that paving and roads that have identified potholes are included within the scope of works that will be dealt with under backlog maintenance. Maintenance that falls outside of normal routine maintenance is placed in Backlog Maintenance Schedule. This is used to encapsulate works that are required to bring Estate assets that are below an acceptable physical condition and/or compliance with mandatory fire safety requirements and statutory safety legislation. Condition rankings are based on those given in Estates code (NHS Estates).