



South Somerset District Council

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RESPONSE

You have asked South Somerset District Council for the following information:-

1. What is the name of your local authority

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

a) 2016/17: **15 * see below**

b) 2017/18: **50**

c) 2018/19: **41**

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

80% in Yeovil (mainly town centre)

20% smaller towns and villages

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

a) 2016/17

b) 2017/18

c) 2018/19

The figures given in answer to question 2 are all job tickets raised through calls/email/web contact to SSDC and are all removed immediately or next working day.

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

15 of the above reports were detailed as drug related litter but this could include needles and the needle report could also involve drug related litter when being removed. ** see below



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Notes:

1. * Our database recording system was changed in September 2017 and we cannot access older data
2. ** SSDC toilets are cleaned an outside contractor and SSDC do not hold their data of needles removed. SSDC Countryside team remove large quantities of drug related material and needles from Yeovil Country Park and record in their own log and report it to Avon & Somerset Constabulary on their website.

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