

58370 Air Quality Complaints

To ask, since January 2022, how many complaints have been received by the council in relation to air quality or pollution?

Could this be broken down by month and go up to the date of August 2025.

We are unable to provide the information requested as it is not centrally or comprehensively held by the Council.

The Council do not have a central database for air quality complaints. Queries about air quality can come from various sources and to different departments and council officers, both past and present as regards the dates in question. The council's central complaints portal only logs complaints to a relevant service area and any information specific to air quality would have to be manually extracted. Furthermore, this is unlikely to include all the requested information.

The City of Edinburgh Council has a statutory duty under the Local Air Quality Management regime (Environment Act 1995), to review and assess ambient air quality against statutory objectives. The Council routinely collects data on local pollutants (nitrogen dioxide, PM10, PM2.5) as part of this assessment. All the air quality information, including the objectives, maps and monitoring data are publicly available on the Air Quality in Scotland website which can be found here: <https://www.scottishairquality.scot/>

The Council produces an Annual Progress Report which assesses the data against the statutory objectives. Regarding the requested dates, reports assessing the data until the end of 2023 can be found here: <https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/pollution/local-air-quality-management/1>, and the report assessing the 2024 data will be published on the same site in early 2026 once it has been officially approved.

However, by way of assistance, I can advise there were 142 general air quality / pollution complaints, and 247 bonfire complaints centrally recorded by our Environmental Protection service.