

60324 Hoarding

Information requested:

The total amount spent by the council on deep cleaning, specialist cleaning, clearance or similar services relating to residential properties where hoarding has been identified as an issue, for the years 2021 onwards up to the most recent available complete year.

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

The table below provides the amount spent by the Edinburgh Health & Social Care Partnership on deep cleaning services since 2021/22. We cannot confirm that the reason for the deep cleaning was 'hoarding' specifically.

2021/22	£62,722.45
2022/23	£138,903.95
2023/24	£133,491.25
2024/25	£118,486.80
Total	£453,604.45

In addition, as part of Housing, every void property is cleaned when the tenant leaves their tenancy, regardless of what state it is in. It is not recorded whether hoarding was involved.

Also, our Environmental Health service may infrequently carry out cleaning as a discretionary power, rather than a statutory duty, but they do not separately code or record whether such work related to hoarding specifically.

The number of social services referrals made by the council relating specifically to residents identified as hoarders or living in hoarding conditions, for the years 2021 onwards up to the most recent available complete year.

The requested information falls into the category of a "manifestly unreasonable" request under regulation 10(4)(b) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations and we are not obliged to respond. This would require the manual search of approximately 468,000 referral records over five years.