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Request:

Could I get a breakdown in relation to how many dog fouling offences have been reported to council in the past 2 years? And also how many people or cases were fined for dog fouling in the same period?

Could this be broken down into statistics for each electoral area eg. Ballymena Town, Bannside etc.

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 06 February 2019.

Please find below, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to dog fouling.

Please note, you have asked for how many offences were reported, we record as dog fouling complaints rather than offences reported.

In relation to breaking the figures down by ward, unfortunately we do not hold this information.

Complaint figures received regarding dog fouling are below.

Ballymena area

1st Jan 2017 to 31st Dec 2017

Total complaints received: 158

Complaints substantiated: 122

Fixed Penalties issued: 7

1st Jan 2018 to 31st Dec 2018.

Total complaints received: 116

Complaints substantiated: 73

Fixed Penalties issued: 5

Larne area

1st Jan 2017 to 31st Dec 2017

Total complaints received: 85

Complaints substantiated: 44

Fixed Penalties Issued: 6

1st Jan 2018 to 31st Dec 2018.

Total complaints received: 72

Complaints substantiated: 26

Fixed Penalties Issue: 1

Carrickfergus area

1st Jan 2017 to 31st Dec 2017

Total complaints received: 115

Complaints substantiated: 54

Fixed Penalties issued: 2

1st Jan 2018 to 31st Dec 2018.

Total complaints received: 85

Complaints substantiated: 42

Fixed Penalties issued: 1

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/508/1819 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.