

20 September 2019

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Dear Ms Gilbertson

**Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 (LGOIMA) request for information
Council contractors stabbed by hypodermic needles in the last five years**

I am writing in response to your request made on 22 August 2019 asking for information on Council contractors stabbed by hypodermic needles in the last five years.

- Q. We're requesting information from the past five years to today, of how many council contractors have been stabbed by hypodermic needles while picking up rubbish/litter from around the city.
- A. The total number is four.
- Q. How many tested positive and for what?
- A. None
- Q. How many were in the clear?
- A. All tests were clear.
- Q. What support is there in place for contractors who are stabbed by hypodermic needles?
- A. The Council contractors have advised that in these circumstances, and any injury circumstances, staff are provided Health monitoring e.g. blood tests immediately plus follow up tests at three and six months. Also available is the inhouse Employee Assistance Programme and Health, Safety and Environmental support as required.

Yours faithfully



Rebecca Murray
Governance Support Officer