

From: [Foi Enquiries](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: EIR-17-1097 - Air Monitoring
Date: 16 August 2017 15:51:54
Attachments: [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 1 August 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

How many continuous, automatic monitoring sites for air pollution do you operate?

How many non-automatic monitoring sites (diffusion tubes) for air pollution do you operate?

This information is published annually and is available at

http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/planning_environment/environmental/air_quality/air_AirQuality.asp

and

http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/planning_environment/environmental/air_quality/air_Reports.asp

As **How many continuous, automatic monitoring sites for air pollution do you operate** and **How many non-automatic monitoring sites (diffusion tubes) for air pollution do you operate** is otherwise accessible on our website at the links provided above, it is exempt from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Regulation 13 of the EIRs, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Regulation 6(1)(b) - Information Already Publicly Available - of the EIRs.

For each of the last three calendar years, can you give me full details of all instances where the automatic and non-automatic monitoring sites were not being in operation.

For each site this should include; the site name, whether it is a automatic or non-automatic location, how long each outage lasted and what was the reason for it not being in operation (i.e. broken down / maintenance / removed to accommodate construction etc) .

There are targets for data capture and these are detailed in the reports available in the link provide above. Where data capture does not meet the target the reasons are detailed in the report. There are over 60 air quality monitoring sites across the city. It would require a substantial amount of time for an officer to look over all the data for each site for the last 3 years to provided details of each outage and how long it lasted and then reference to a reason for not being in operation.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **For each of the last three calendar years, full details of all instances where the automatic and non-automatic monitoring sites were not being in operation including; the site name, whether it is an automatic or non-automatic location, how long each outage lasted and what was the reason for it not being in operation (i.e. broken down / maintenance / removed to accommodate construction etc)** as it is excepted from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Regulation 13 of the EIRs, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Regulation 10(4)(b) – Manifestly Unreasonable - of the EIRs.

Some information is already publicly available at the linked reports above but to provide all the details requested would require an officer within Environmental Health to identify the required

instances and extract the requested information from the details held. As stated above, there are over 60 air quality monitoring sites across the city. To identify all instances over the last 3 years and extract all requested details would incur a significant amount of work, hindering that officers ability to work on their current projects and thus potentially delaying more pressing work.

If there are any particular sites identified in the linked reports that you are most interested in, please let us know.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Information Compliance Team

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

As the information which you requested is environmental information, as defined under Regulation 2(1) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs), ACC considered that it was exempt from release through FOISA, and must therefore give you notice that we are refusing your request under Section 39(2) of FOISA (Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002). However, you have a separate right to access the information which you have requested under Regulation 5 of the EIRs, under which ACC has handled your request. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under the EIRs.

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