

**From:** Foi Enquiries  
**Sent:** 08 March 2019 09:40  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FOI-19-0233 - Protective Clothing  
**Attachments:** V2 - Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 15 February 2019. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested. Our response is now detailed below.

**Relevant Date: 13 June 2018**

**Request for Information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002**

**We refer to the above and would be grateful if you would provide us with the following information, as at the Relevant Date, unless otherwise specified:-**

**1. The make and model or type of gloves given to street cleaners (personal protective equipment provided to your street cleaner employees for the purpose of preventing needle stick injuries during the course of their employment).**

Various gloves are provided to street cleaners, but no glove is specifically issued for preventing needle stick injuries.

**2. The number of gloves bought by the Council (provided to your street cleaner employees for the purpose of preventing needle stick injuries during the course of their employment) for the three years prior to the Relevant Date.**

No gloves were issued with the sole purpose of preventing needle stick injuries.

**3. Risk assessments carried out in relation to potential needle stick injuries to your Street Cleaner employees during the course of their employment as at the Relevant Date.**

All task specific risk assessments highlight the potential for needle stick injuries.

**4. Documents relating to training in relation to needle stick injuries as at the Relevant Date (issued to your Street Cleaner employees in relation to preventing needle stick injuries during the course of their employment).**

Upon the discovery of syringes/needles, do not attempt to pick up unless you have received the relevant training and have access to the necessary equipment, remember gloves alone give no protection.

Report the finding to your supervisor, contact can be made by calling your supervisor on his mobile phone or 03000 200 292 from 7:30am – 5pm, Monday – Friday and requesting the receptionist to make contact with your supervisor giving details of where the syringes/needles are to be found.

When emptying litter bins do not use hands to remove rubbish, if there is a bin liner, lift out by the handles and empty into a metal container before dumping refuse, alternatively line bins with a refuse sack, this will in some measure reduce the risk of contact, if extreme caution is taken when lifting refuse sack from the bin.

After the discovery of syringes/needles the supervisor should make the arrangements for the safe disposal, and the appropriate form should be completed and returned to the Administration section.

Should the unfortunate occurrence happen where someone has received a skin puncture from a discarded needle the injury should be encouraged to bleed, then washed well under cold running water and covered with a dry dressing (do not put your finger in your mouth).

Immediate medical attention should then be sought, if at all possible someone should make contact with immediate supervisor prior to the person attending hospital.

**5. The number of needle stick injuries sustained by your Street Cleaner employees during the course of their employment for the three years prior to the Relevant Date.**

None.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Webster  
Access to Information Officer

**INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST**

ACC handled your request for information in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under FOISA.

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