

# GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA300120-1606

21 February 2020

Dear ██████████

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 30 January 2020. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please find below the information we hold within the scope of your request

## ***1. What is the name of your local authority***

The Greater London Authority.

Please note that the GLA is London's strategic government and does not operate in the same way as local councils.

You can find information about London's Borough Councils, including the City of London and City of Westminster at <https://www.london.gov.uk/in-my-area>.

The GLA is based at City Hall, which is open to the public. The GLA also manages Trafalgar Square and Parliament Square Garden. The managed areas have contracted cleansing and maintenance as well as 24hr warden patrols.

## ***2. How many reports of discarded needles has your local authority had during the following periods: a) 2016/17; b) 2017/18; c) 2018/19***

Within City Hall, the cleaners and security guards would log any such reports/finds. Within Trafalgar Square and Parliament Square Garden, the cleaners and heritage wardens would log any such reports/finds.

- Nil reports for City Hall in 2016/17-2018/19 inclusive
- Nil reports for Parliament Square Garden in 2016/17-2018/19 inclusive
- We have not formally logged any reports for Trafalgar Square in that period because no syringes were found by the cleaners or heritage wardens. However, engineers located approximately 5-6 syringes per year in 2017 and in 2018. These finds were not logged. The syringes were disposed of into a 'sharps container'.

***3. If possible, please provide examples of public places where these discarded needles in Q2 were found***

The syringes mentioned in Q2 were found lodged within the filters of the fountains in Trafalgar Square.

**4. How many call outs for drug related litter has your local authority had during the following periods: a) 2016/17; b) 2017/18; c) 2018/19**

None

***5. How many items of 'drugs related litter' were discovered by your local authority in the following periods: a) 2016/17; b) 2017/18; c) 2018/19***

None

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA300120-1606.

Yours sincerely

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**Information Governance Officer**

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