

FOI number: **HBC\_FOI\_20200534**  
Date FOI Received: **13/09/2020**  
Department: **Environmental Health**  
Title: **Public space protection orders begging (PSPO)**  
Description: **Begging and Public Spaces Protection Orders**

**Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)**

I am writing to request some information about Public Spaces Protection Orders.  
Under the FOI Act please provide the following information for each of the last four financial years (2016/17, 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20) and any data for the financial year 2020/21 so far, up until 10 September 2020:

- Whether you had a Public Spaces Protection Order that prohibits any type of begging
- The number of fixed penalty notices issued for breaching a Public Spaces Protection Order by begging

And, if possible within the cost threshold, can the outcome of these notices also be included:

- how many of these notices were not paid
- how many people were prosecuted for failing to pay the fixed penalty notice
- how many people were issued a Community Protection Notice, Criminal Behaviour Order or Civil Injunction after breaching a Public Spaces Protection Order by begging

**Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)**

I can confirm that the council and our PSPOs do not cover begging. Therefore we have no information to provide this particular FOI request.

If you have any queries about the processing of your request then please do not hesitate to contact me. Further information explaining the Council's process for responding to information requests together with a complaints/appeals procedure is available in our reception or via our website at:

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Please include the above reference number on all correspondence related to this request.

Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

Information Services