

Somerset Waste Partnership reference: 2015-68  
Enquiries regarding waste recycling and textile bank information  
Date of response: 08.06.2015

Dear XXX

I am writing regarding your recent request for information from Somerset Waste Partnership, which has been dealt with under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Somerset Waste Partnership is a partnership of Mendip, Sedgemoor, South Somerset and West Somerset District Councils, Taunton Deane Borough Council and Somerset County Council. This response covers all those partner authorities.

In response to your questions: -

1. Total quantity of waste (in tonnes) collected by the council and transferred to landfill in 2014.
2. Total cost to transfer the waste to landfill in 2014.
3. Total number of textile banks located in the council's territory and operated by the council
4. Total number of textile banks located in the council's territory and operated by 3rd parties (for example charities or other organisations)
5. Total quantity of waste (in tonnes) collected from the textile banks by the council and / or 3rd party operators in 2014. How was the weight data collected and reported to the council?
6. If banks are operated by the council, total collection cost incurred by the council to empty the banks in 2014
7. Please can you provide a database, preferably in Excel format, with full details of the textile banks located in the council's territory (address and postcode)
8. If the banks are operated by 3rd party operators, please can you provide a list of these operators.
9. Please provide a contact within the local authority who manages the network of textile banks

Please see attached spreadsheet for responses.

If you feel your request has not been answered in sufficient detail or if you wish to clarify the information given please contact me and I will be happy to address the issues you raise.

If you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been dealt with, or the information you have received, you can ask for an internal review of our decision.

Please send your request to:

Peter Grogan  
Corporate Information Governance Manager  
Information Governance Team  
Resources Directorate

County Hall  
Taunton  
TA1 4DY or email [PTGrogan@Somerset.gov.uk](mailto:PTGrogan@Somerset.gov.uk)

An internal review will then be carried out and we will write to you with the results of our investigation. If you are not content with the outcome of our review, you may then apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office ([www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)) for an appeal: The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF      Tel: 0303 – 123 1113

Please quote the reference numbers at the top of this e-mail in any future correspondence with Somerset Waste Partnership.