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**Request & Response:**

**Request in bold:**

Response in plain text:

**I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for information about gulls in seaside towns.**

**I am sending a similar email to other local authorities across the UK with prominent coastal "seaside" towns, to try and gain an understanding of whether gulls are becoming a greater burden on towns, so any information you can pass on additional to the request would be greatly appreciated.**

**Please answer the following:**

1. **How many complaints did the council receive about seagulls (or gulls) in each of the following years:**
  - 2010 - 0
  - 2011 - 1
  - 2012 - 3
  - 2013 - 2
  - 2014 - 1
  - 2015 - 2
  - 2016 - 2
  - 2017 - 6
  - 2018 - 3
  - 2019 – year to June 31<sup>st</sup> - 3

Please note that these complaints range from attacks by seagulls to seagulls destroying refuse bags.

2. **If possible, please tell me how many complaints the council received about gulls physically attacking individuals or animals for the years referred to in Question 1?**

2011 - 1  
2015 - 1  
2018 - 1  
2019 - 3

All other years are zero

3. **In each of the years referred to in Question 1: (i) what measures, if any, were taken by the council directly against seagulls (for example, egg or nest removal or installation of roof spikes) and (ii) how much did each measure cost?**

Information not held

4. **Please give a total expenditure cost on gull management for the years mentioned above?**

Information not held

5. **If your council removes gull eggs or nests, please give a breakdown of how many were removed in the years referred to in Question 1?**

N/A

6. **Does your council have a fine/fixed penalty notice policy in place for feeding seagulls and if so, how many were issued for the years referred to in Question 1?**

No

7. **Please supply me with any further information deemed relevant about the approach to gulls in your area.**

N/A

**Information provided by:** Neighbourhoods & Public Protection

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