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Pest Control

Please provide the following information for the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2025, broken down by financial year:

- 1. Total expenditure by the Trust/organisation on pest control services, including both in-house provision and external/contracted services.**

Period	Total ex VAT
01/04/20 to 31/03/21	£39,815.94
01/04/21 to 31/03/22	£44,892.33
01/04/22 to 31/03/23	£62,354.47
01/04/23 to 31/03/24	£59,473.57
01/04/24 to 31/03/25	£61,326.23

- 2. If any services are contracted out, please provide the supplier name(s) and the contract value(s).**

Contractor – Entomol Ltd

- 3. The number of call-outs/treatments by species category (e.g. rats, mice, pigeons, gulls, foxes, grey squirrels, wasps, bedbugs, cockroaches— please use your own categories if recorded differently).**

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Count of wo	Column Labels						
Row Labels	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
Ants	12	7	9	13	17	5	63
Bait Box	8	14	13	12	32	16	95
Bees	3	5	5	2	3	4	22
Bird	41	45	48	53	38	42	267
Cockroach	27	16	15	19	24	21	122
General				3	7	5	15
Insect	48	55	61	75	75	82	396
Insectacutor	18	13	10	25	13	3	82
Mouse	166	118	179	248	202	108	1021
Nest	83	33	48	36	29	35	264
Pigeon	29	38	42	38	52	40	239
Rat	133	179	178	181	250	148	1069
Seagull		2			1		3
Sliverfish	45	40	26	33	33	23	200
Squirrel	2		1				3
Vermin	5	27	8	17	19	18	94
Wasp	24	38	20	23	25	12	142
Grand Total	644	630	663	778	820	562	4097

4. For any lethal control commissioned or carried out by the Trust/organisation, the number of animals killed by species and, where recorded, the method used (e.g. trapping, poisoning, shooting).

To undertake this exercise would necessitate a manual interrogation of data which would involve a significant number of hours. This would exceed the costs limit specified in the FOI act.

In addition, it is difficult to have accurate statistics for using rodenticide because it might not be possible to retrieve all of the animals and may not give an accurate representation of the infestation.

We estimate that compliance with this (element of the) request for information would exceed the appropriate costs limit. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 2000, the limit has been specified as £450 and represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.

5. A copy of any policy, guidance, or standard operating procedure relating to the Trust/organisation's pest control service or contractors.

Pest sightings are reported via the Estates Helpdesk. A request is then sent, on a call out basis, to the specialist contractor to attend site. A record of the request is kept on the Estates Work Order System