

## Reports of rats in Liverpool go up by a third in two years

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Liverpool council's pest control team had 7,181 calls about rats in 2015, compared to 5,374 in 2013.

In 2014 7,001 reports of rats were made.



The highest number of calls about rats were from the L4 postcode area - which includes Anfield, Kirkdale and Walton - where 911 calls to report rats were made this year. That compares to 706 calls in 2013.

The second highest number of calls about rats came from the L6 area, made up of parts of Anfield, the city centre, Everton, Kensington, Fairfield and Tuebrook.

Residents there made 705 calls related to rats, up more than 36% from 2013.

Figures released to the ECHO under the Freedom of Information Act showed both postcodes were also relatively badly affected by mice.

But, the top area for mice calls was L8 - where 639 reports of mice were made in 2015.