

1. We understand it the Council do not have a statutory duty to grit pavements. However after a lot of complaints they eventually did grit them in the city centre. But this doesn't help people get to work. When the buses stop running there must be a lot of people who would have walked to work but they couldn't because the pavements were worse than the roads.

If the pavements had been gritted as a priority then we wouldn't have had as many injuries and we wouldn't have experienced such a loss of productivity.

If the Council doesn't have the resources I am sure that every road would have its army of volunteers if they would provide the grit, delivered in tidy piles the day before the bad weather hits.

2. Closer contact with the Health Authorities would be of value. In the same way that the PCT and NHS Trusts are involved in smoking prevention, there is a case to collaborate in the prevention of so many fractures. The cost of gritting the pavements and roads is far less than the cost of repairing complex fractures. We would want to see some clear research into the worst spots for fractures in the city and understanding how to prevent them in the future, budget collaboration on preventative measures, and an investment to support citizen action to clear the snow and ice. This would help people get to work and sustain productivity - very worth doing in difficult economic times

We hope this helps.

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