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### **(CCC) Swimming Pools**

- 1) How many publicly accessible\* swimming pools were there in your local authority area on March 31st 2019?
- 2) How many publicly accessible swimming pools were there in your local authority area on March 31st 2022?
- 3) Please name the pools that are currently operating a timetable for public swimming.

If a pool was or is temporarily closed please indicate this -- or if a pool is earmarked for closure in the near future, please provide details.  
If there is other information pertinent to my enquiry please send it or indicate where it is available.

\*By publicly accessible pools I mean either council owned/operated or those that are owned/operated by a not-for-profit leisure provider which is running the facilities for the community (eg better leisure/fusion etc) and to which you direct members of the public via your website/leisure services site.

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Cambridge City Council had 4 Publicly accessible Swimming Pools in March 2019.
- 2) How many publicly accessible swimming pools were there in your local authority area on March 31st 2022?  
Cambridge City Council has 4 Publicly accessible Swimming Pools in March 2022.
- 3) Please name the pools that are currently operating a timetable for public swimming.

Abbey Leisure Complex – [Timetable](#)  
Cambridge Parkside Pools – [Timetable](#)  
Jesus Green Lido – [Timetable](#)  
Kings Hedges Learner Pool - [Timetable](#)

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The Kings Hedges Learner Pool has been closed over Covid to date and is hoping to reopen in Sept 2022.

It is a 15m x 6m x 0.9m deep learner pool. The pool's main function is to teach schools and early years swimming lessons and is predominantly staffed by several swimming teachers.

Post Covid there has been a shortage of qualified swimming teachers in the area and GLL have not had enough qualified teaching staff to reopen this pool for its primary purpose of swimming teaching. Current recruitment for swimming teachers and new swimming teacher training courses are underway to recruit qualified staff to be able to reopen the pool for the new school term starting in

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September 2022.

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Jesus Green Lido was a Seasonal Pool but has remained open throughout the winter period when it would normally be closed between mid September 2021 to May 2022. This cold water swimming experience proved to be very popular and the pool will now continue to remain open all year round.

We aim to provide a high-quality service to you and hope that you are satisfied with this response. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to [foi@cambridge.gov.uk](mailto:foi@cambridge.gov.uk)