

Response to Request for Information

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Fair access protocols

Request:

I would like to request the below information, relating to fair access protocols, under the freedom of information act. If information for any of the questions below is out of scope, please include the reason next to the specific question, and provide an answer for the others. Information in an Excel spreadsheet would be preferable.

1. The number of cases considered under Fair Access Protocols in the council for this academic year, and then the previous three before that (17-18, 16-17, 15-16)?

Academic year	Fair Access Cases
15/16	n/a
16/17	283
17/18	139
18/19	119

2. The number of intentions to direct issued by the council to local schools in this academic year, and then the previous three before that (17-18, 16-17, 15-16)?

Academic year	Intentions to direct
15/16	2
16/17	1
17/18	0
18/19	1

3. How many schools failed to engage fully or at all with the protocol processes in this academic year, and then the previous three before that (17-18, 16-17, 15-16)?

Academic year	Schools failed to engage
15/16	0
16/17	0
17/18	1
18/19	0

4. The number of refusals made by academies in the council area in this academic year, and then the previous three before that, and/(or) the number of directions requested of the secretary of state (17-18, 16-17, 15-16). Please also split by primary/secondary?

Academic year	Refusals by Academies
15/16	2
16/17	1
17/18	0
18/19	1

5. The number of appeals to the Schools Adjudicator made by governing bodies of maintained schools in this academic year, and then the previous three before that (17-18, 16-17, 15-16). Please also split by primary/secondary?

Academic year	Appeals to Schools Adjudicator
15/16	0
16/17	0
17/18	0
18/19	0

6. The number of schools that refused a request based on 3.12 of the Code, which states: a 'governing body does not wish to admit a child with challenging behaviour outside the normal admissions round, even though places are available, it must refer the case to the local authority for action under the Fair Access Protocol. This will normally only be appropriate where a school has a particularly high proportion of children with challenging behaviour or previously excluded children', Please provide this information for this academic year, and then the previous three before that (17-18, 16-17, 15-16)?

Academic year	Schools refused
15/16	2
16/17	1
17/18	0
18/19	1

7. How many children failed to secure a school place after a referral to the fair access panel in this academic year, and then the previous three before that (17-18, 16-17, 15-16). Please also split by primary/secondary?

Academic year	Failed to secure place
15/16	0
16/17	0
17/18	0
18/19	0

8. I would like details on the length of time it took to negotiate the admission of some children. Please could you provide the average length of time from

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referral to a child entering their new school. Failing this, please could you provide the longest time it took for a child to enter a new school after a referral? (for this academic year, and the previous three). Please also split by primary/secondary?

Academic year	Primary
15/16	10 school days
16/17	10 school days
17/18	10 school days
18/19	10 school days

Academic year	Secondary
15/16	10 school days
16/17	10 school days
17/18	10 school days
18/19	10 school days