



Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002636
Date 06 August 2018

Independent Review Panels

Request:

I wish to make a request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act.

My request relates to the work of the **Independent Review Panels (IRP)** considering appeals against **permanent exclusions** within Secondary Schools and Academies (excluding special schools).

For each academic year from 2013-date I wish to request the following:

- Number of appeals considered by IRPs by reason for exclusion (using the DfE categories – see below)
- Appeal outcomes for each exclusion category, by secondary and academy establishment. The outcome data I seek is based on the DfE guidance: number **upholding** the exclusion; number **recommending reconsideration** by the governing body of which, the number of pupils offered reinstatement; number **directing reconsideration** by the governing body of which, the number of pupils offered reinstatement

To assist you, these are the permanent exclusion categories used by the DfE:

Physical assault against a pupil
Physical assault against an adult
Verbal abuse/ threatening behaviour
against a pupil
Verbal abuse/ threatening behaviour
against an adult
Bullying
Racist abuse
Sexual misconduct
Drug and alcohol related
Damage
Theft
Persistent disruptive behaviour
Other

In response to your request please find our response below:

Secondary	Persistent disruptive behaviour	Upheld	
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Secondary Academy	Physical assault against a pupil;	Upheld	
Primary Academy	Persistent disruptive behaviour; Verbal abuse/threatening behaviour against adults and children	Recommend Reconsideration	Not reinstated
Secondary Academy	Other	Direct Reinstatement	Reinstated
Secondary Free School	Drug and Alcohol Related	Upheld	
Secondary Academy	Physical assault against a pupil	Uphold	
Secondary Community School	Persistent disruptive behaviour; Physical assault against a pupil	Uphold	
Secondary Academy	Verbal abuse/threatening behaviour against adults	Direct Reinstatement	Not reinstated; Financial Adjustment Ordered.