



Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 0815128
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School Admissions

Request:

1. Does the council have a system/procedures for detecting fraudulent school admission applications? If so, please provide details of what these are.
[Information provided by applicants is cross-referenced against information held by schools/nurseries and the Local Authority.](#)
2. How many applications have you investigated on suspicion of being fraudulent in the past three financial years (2014/15, 2013/14, 2012/13)
[2014/15 = 2](#)
[2013/14 = 0](#)
[2012/13 = 0](#)
3. How many of these applications were found to be fraudulent?
[One](#)
4. For the fraudulent applications, please include further details of what the offence was, which school the application was for and what the outcome of the investigation was. (Please include as much details about the offences as is possible.)

[With reference to your above question, I can confirm that the Council holds information falling within the description specified in your request. However, following careful consideration I regret to inform you that part of the information you requested regarding the name of the school is being withheld with reference to section 40\(2\) \(Personal data\) of the FOI Act. The Council considers that because of the low numbers involved, this information, alongside the name of the school could identify the individuals concerned.](#)

[However the information we can release is that it was a primary school, that the applicant was not living at the address on the application form and that the school place was lost prior to the child starting at the school.](#)

5. Overall, how many applications for each financial year were

a. Not accepted?

0

b. The child was removed from school after application found to be fraudulent?

The child hadn't started in the school.

6. Did any of these offences result in prosecution, if so please provide details of the number of cases that went to court and the charges.

None