



REQUEST 18647

Unless stated otherwise, supply data by academic year for 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 (to date).

In-Year Admissions

1. Total number of in-year applications received for state-funded schools within your area (maintained schools and academies).
2. Number of refusals for in-year applications.
3. For in-year refusals, provide counts by recorded reason category (if possible, map to: a) prejudice to the efficient provision of education or use of resources, or b) challenging behaviour).
4. Please provide the name of the school that refused the most pupils, and provide the number

Fair Access Panels (FAP)

5. Number of in-year refusals subsequently referred to FAP.
6. Total number of FAP referrals received (all eligibility categories combined; include category breakdown if held).
7. Number placed in a school following FAP each year, and number not placed (e.g., withdrawn, moved out of area, pending at year-end).
8. For referrals resulting in admission, average and longest time from referral receipt to pupil's first attendance/start date.
9. Any cases where a school contested or failed to comply with a FAP placement, including recorded reasons.
10. Number of cases where the council issued a direction to admit (maintained schools) or requested a direction from the Secretary of State (academies), with outcomes.

RESPONSE

Please see accompanying Excel file.

We do not hold the information that you have requested for Questions 3, 4 and 8 in an easily retrievable format. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) relieves a public authority from the obligation to comply with a request for information where the estimated time required to locate, review and extract the information exceeds a certain threshold set out in Regulations.

The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (SI 2004/3244) set out the rules in relation to the cost limit (otherwise called the "appropriate limit"). These Regulations are published by the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI) and are viewable on their web site from this link: http://www.opsi.gov.uk/si/si2004/uksi_20043244_en.pdf

The Regulations set out the cost limit for Government departments and for other public authorities. For local government, Regulation 3 states that the cost limit is £450 and Regulation 4(4) states that the prescribed hourly rate is £25. Regulation 4(4) further provides that where the local authority estimates the time taken to gather the information would exceed this limit (which based on the prescribed hourly rate, equates to 18 officer hours), it may refuse the request under section 12 of FoIA. I am satisfied the cost limit applies to your request and will explain why this is the case.

In terms of Q3 & Q4 – it would take a minimum of 7200 minutes to provide counts by recorded reason category and provide the name of the school that refused the most pupils. This is because we do not log this information in a format that is easily or readily retrievable. In terms of Q8, it would take approximately 1174 minutes to work out the number of schools days from the application referred to FAP and the pupil starting.