



Reference: FOI0167

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)

2013/14 - None

2014/15 - 1, Governing Body decision upheld

2015/16 - 2, both recommended that the Governing Body reconsider its decision

2016/17 - 2, both recommended that the Governing Body reconsider its decision

2017/18 - 2, both upheld Governing Body decision

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.

We do not categorise the reviews by the reasons for exclusion used by the DfE.

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