

Reference: RFI 1711006

Request:

Please provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

1. In 2016-17, how many applications for in-year admissions to mainstream schools did the local authority make on behalf of its looked-after children?

10

2. How many of these were to (a) maintained schools and (b) academies/non-maintained schools?

a) 8 b) 2

3. How many of these applications were successful, within the timescale of 20 school days? Please provide this figure for (a) maintained schools and (b) academies/non-maintained schools.

a) 8 b) 2

4. How many of the applications were successful beyond 20 school days? Please provide this figure for (a) academies and (b) academies/non-maintained schools. **N/A**

5. What were the reasons for any delays beyond the 20 day limit? Please say in how many cases each of the below reasons applied: **N/A**

- Bureaucracy
- Communication difficulties
- Response not provided within timescale
- Initial refusal being challenged through appeal process
- Initial refusal lead to threat to direct
- Initial refusal lead to request to direct
- Other

6. How many applications were unsuccessful? Please provide this figure for (a) academies and (b) academies/non-maintained schools.

None

7. What reasons were given for rejecting applications? Please say in how many cases each of the below reasons applied:

N/A

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- That by admitting a looked after child it would 'seriously prejudice the provision of efficient education or the efficient use of resources'.

- Already over PAN

- Unable to meet needs of pupil

- Other

8. How many cases resulted in a direction to another admissions authority?

N/A

9. How many cases were referred to the Department for Education/ESFA?

N/A

10. How many of these referrals resulted in the school/academy being directed to take the pupil onto its roll?

N/A

11. What was the longest length of time it took from the point of applying in-year to a mainstream school/academy, to a pupil being accepted onto its roll?

All were planned in-year transitions and pupils were admitted within a couple of weeks of applying.