



Reference: RFI 1803011

**Request:**

Please answer the below under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Schools kept for over 9 months, and PFI

1. How many schools were given an Ofsted grade of inadequate in the local authority in the years 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17?

Please name the schools.

2014/15 1 – Norham High School

2015/16 1 – Seaton Burn College

2016/17 0

2. How many schools rated inadequate were still under local authority control after **10 months or longer** in the years 2014-15, 2015-16, and 2016-17?

Please name the schools and **state for how many months** the school remained under LA control before successfully transferring to an academy trust.

Please name the academy trust they moved to.

2014/15 – 1 (still under LA control; now Requires Improvement)

2015/16 – 1 (Moved to Gosforth Federated Academies; 2 years 3 months)

3. How many schools rated inadequate in the years 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 in the local authority have a private finance initiative contract (PFI)?

Please name the schools for each year.

(if easier, please provide answers to the above three questions in one table).

None

4. Please list the reasons why transfer to academy trusts has took 10 months or more (since the government intends them to move over within 9 months).

Please indicate whether PFI contracts was a reason for slowed transfer to academy trusts, and list the schools, and years, in which that was the case.

Interim Executive Board appointed by Regional Schools Commissioner after 13 months and took IEB 14 months to secure transfer due to legal and financial work, created instability for students and staff.

No PFI contracts involved.

5. Has the local authority implemented any strategy for tackling this? If yes, please explain.

LA strategy is outlined in support and challenge framework. LA works closely with all schools as soon as any concerns are identified to try to ensure no school is subject to an academy order.