

FOI REVIEW PANEL

STATEMENT OF REASONS – PATRICIA ANDERSON

The Review Panel had before it the initial request, the Service response, the request for review and further submissions from the Service.

The Review Panel noted that the review related to two parts of the original request about which the applicant sought clarification. The Service had provided clarification in their further submission which confirmed that parents whose children are 5 at the start of the academic year are ineligible to apply therefore they are told they are ineligible to apply. The two parents who complained did not make an application. One parent complained to their MSP as they were unhappy about their child being ineligible to apply. The other parent made a complaint to the council's Feedback Team because they were unhappy about their child being ineligible to apply.

The Service further advised that where school staff explain to parents about ineligibility, most parents accept that, this data is not held as it is not passed on to the central team. The two cases mentioned above came to the central team's attention due to the complaints only.

The Review Panel considered that this further information answered the points raised by the applicant. The Review Panel determined that the original decision notice required to be modified to account for the additional information provided herein.