

FOI: 5952168 Institutional Abuse

May I have the figures for your council for the years 2010 to the present day.

1) The number of people in Children's Social Care (past and present) with criminal convictions employed by Tower Hamlets Council.

The information requested for questions 1 and 3 have been considered by the council and unfortunately your request cannot be met on this occasion.

The exemption applied under the Freedom of Information Act is Section 12 – *Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit*. The information you have requested is not held in a format that will allow us to easily extract the information you are looking for. In order to determine the information requested, it will require examination of each individual employee record, of which there is over 700, which will take a significant amount of time and exceed the maximum limit that is set under the Freedom of Information Act.

This acts a refusal notice for questions 1 and 3. I am sorry that your request is not being fully met on this occasion.

2) The number of people in Stephen Hawking's School (2 Brunton place E14 7LL) with criminal convictions.

Your request for information has now been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Unfortunately the information requested is not held by the Council.

The information you have requested is information that would likely be held by Stephen Hawking School. I am sorry that your request cannot be fully met by the Council on this occasion.

3) The top five types of convictions of employees within Children's Social Care and Stephen Hakwing's School

Please see the response to questions 1 and 2.

Information regarding Stephen Hawking staff is not held by the council. The remaining information is exempt under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

4) The number of disclosures requested from the CRB, in regards to Children's Social Care and Stephen Hawking's School.

The actual number of requests is not available but the process works as follows:

- There are currently 721 posts in Children's Social Care that require a DBS disclosure.
- Every new entrant directly employed by London Borough of Tower Hamlets to one of the Children Social Care posts will need to make an application for a DBS disclosure.
- Current employees directly employed by the London Borough of Tower Hamlets are required to reapply for a DBS every 3 years.
- Agency staffs working for the Children's Social Care posts are required to have an annual DBS disclosure.

The council does not undertake DBS checking for Stephen Hawking School. The information you have requested is information that would likely be held by Stephen Hawking School. I am sorry that your request cannot be fully met by the Council on this occasion.

5) The number of enhanced disclosures requested from the CRB, in regards to Children's Social Care and Stephen Hawking's School.

Please see response to question 4. All checks carried out are enhanced DBS checks.

6) Please indicate the number of abuse/drug use referrals/allegations that you are aware of for the last 6 years made against Stephen Hawking's School.

Any referrals made to us are held in relation to a specific individual. We do not record referrals against a particular building or institution. We do not currently have any referrals against the school as a whole.

7) Please indicate if and how your council responded to such allegations/referrals made against Stephen Hawking School, i.e. what action was taken, how were allegations/referrals investigated, what was the outcome.

Any referrals made to us are held in relation to a specific individual. We do not record referrals against a particular building or institution. We do not currently have any referrals against the school as a whole.

8) Please provide me with the number of instances your council is aware of where local authority safeguarding procedures have substantiated allegations of institutional abuse/neglect at Stephen Hawking's school over the past 6 years.

There are no records of any substantiated allegations in respect of this occurring at Stephen Hawking School.

9) Please provide number of referrals made by Stephen Hawking's School to Tower hamlets (Children with Disabilities team) about safeguarding issues within transport.

Any referrals made to us are held in relation to a specific individual. We do not record referrals against a particular building or institution. We do not currently have any referrals against the school as a whole.

10) Please provide number of referrals made by Stephen Hawking's School to Tower hamlets (Children with Disabilities team) about safeguarding issues of a family in the last nine months.

Any referrals made to us are held in relation to a specific individual. We do not record referrals against a particular building or institution. We do not currently have any referrals against the school as a whole.

11) Please provide number of referrals made by Stephen Hawking's School to Tower hamlets (Children with Disabilities team) about safeguarding issues concerning school employees.

Any referrals made to us are held in relation to a specific individual. We do not record referrals against a particular building or institution. We do not currently have any referrals against the school as a whole.

12) Please provide the number of Transport Assistants who cover the E3 area traveling to Stephen Hawking School.

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13) Please provide the number of Transport Assistants who cover E3 area traveling to Stephen Hawking's school, who are subject to CBS Checks/Enhanced CBS Checked.

All Transport Assistants are subject to Enhanced DBS checks prior to their employment.

14) How often drug checks are carried out on Passenger Transport Assistants in the E3 area traveling to Stephen Hawking's School.

Mandatory drug testing is not a required condition of employment for Passenger Assistants.

15) How often is KOLL (Knowledge of Language and Life UK) assessment carried out. How many employees in the E3 area, traveling to Stephen Hawking school have been required to produce this?

Passenger Assistants are only employed after passing all the necessary checks required to confirm their legal status allowing them to be employed in this country.

16) How many Passenger Transport Assistants (Transporting disabled children) in the E3 area to Stephen Hawking's School, have a level of medical knowledge. How is this assessed, what qualifications are needed.

All Passenger Transport Assistants have first aid training, however if required passenger assistants will be trained to work with a specific child on a one to one basis for which they receive intensive training from hospital nursing staff or the school nurse in order to equip them with the necessary skills required.