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Dear Ms Kerrigan

FOI Review: 14919198 Education placement information

I am writing to let you know that Jessica Vinluan, Senior Information Governance and Complaints Officer, has completed the review of your Freedom of Information (FOI) request.

Your initial request dated 22 January 2019 was:

Please can you provide me with the name of the current educational placement (school) of any young people, 16 years of age and under, with educational health care (ehc) plans or statements, placed in independent or non-maintained provision?

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like you to supply me with the information requested for the previous academic year - 2017/18.

I would ask you to provide the information in an excel document, broken down under the following headings:

Category of Need (SEMH, ASD, etc.)

Name of School

Type of placement - (Day or residential placement)

Cost of placement per year

I would be grateful if you could send your response in csv. or Excel format within the 20 day reply period.

The Council initially responded on 18 February 2019, as follows:

Your request for information for the above questions has been considered by the council and unfortunately your request cannot be met on this occasion.

This request is being refused under 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 record, which will take a significant amount of time and exceed the maximum limit that is set under the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 12 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this email acts as a Refusal Notice.

You may wish to refine and resubmit your request so that it reduces the cost to below this upper limit.

On 18 February 2019 you replied to the Council:

To enable you to proceed my request, I am happy to simplify it to only providing me with a list of the non-maintained and independent providers that you place children and young people under 16 with an EHCP at?

You then requested a review on 28 February 2019 as follows:

I am writing to request an internal review of Tower Hamlets Borough Council's handling of my FOI request 'Education placement information'.

The deadline for you to respond to my request has lapsed, so can you please respond with the required information as a matter of urgency.

Having reviewed this matter the Council's findings are as follows:

I am sorry that you did not receive a reply to your email of 18 February 2019 in which you refined your request. Officers have been reminded of the importance of acknowledging emails and keeping customers updated with the progress of information requests.

Thank you for providing a refined request which officers has now been processed. Please find requested information below.

Bobby Moore Academy
Bradfield Academy
Brampton Manor Academy
BRIT School for Performing Arts and
Technology
Cavendish School (Independent Special)
Cheam Fields Primary School
Chigwell School
Date Palm Primary School
Debden Park High School
Doncaster School for the Deaf
East London ASC Unit
East London Independent School
East London Science School
Fairley House School
Ferndearle
Gatehouse School

Hill House School
Leaways School
Mary Hare Grammar School
Mazahirul Uloom London School
Mossbourne Community Academy
Mossbourne Victoria Park Academy
Octavia House School
Parayhouse School
River House Montessori School
St Michael's Catholic College
The Complete Works Independent School
The Rowans
Treehouse School
West Heath School
Woodcroft Special School
Woodstar School
Old Ford Academy
Mulberry Academy Shoreditch
Mulberry School for Girls
Mulberry UTC
Culloden Primary School
Solebay Primary School
St Elizabeth's
Wapping High
London Enterprise Academy
Canary Wharf College
St Paul's Way Trust School

Once again, please accept my apologies for the delay in replying to you.

If you are still dissatisfied with the Council's response after the internal review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700
www.ico.org.uk

Further information about the operation of the act is available from the council's website www.towerhamlets.gov.uk and the information leaflet in public reception areas in Council Buildings.

Yours sincerely



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