

Mr James Blackell

Please ask for Jonathan Sheward

Our ref: 3999060 **Your ref**: **Date**: 16 January 2019

Dear Mr Blackell,

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Your request for information has been considered by Warwickshire County Council under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

You asked us:

I understand that legal action was taken against an owner of a Warwickshire 11 plus website preventing publication and even collation of perceived content of an 11+ exam.

Please answer the following:

1) What was the primary purpose of seeking the first injunction (e.g. to protect 11+ test integrity)?

Please see below.

2) What was the primary purpose of seeking the second injunction (e.g. to protect 11+ test integrity)?

Please see below.

3) Was breach of confidence used as means to obtain an injunction to protect test integrity?

Please see below.

4) How many other organsiations or people is the local authority aware of that has been collating and publishing content of 11+ tests whilst the tests can still be used?

Please see below.

5) Have injunctions been sought against any other organisations or people relating to collation or publication of perceived 11+ content?

In respect of questions 1-5, to the extent that the information is held, it is contained in the judgments to those proceedings.

Please see the copies of those judgements attached to our covering e-mail - namely:

"WarwickshirevMataliaredactedappdjmtMTpdf-V1", and

"MataliaJudgement1807 18-V1"

6) Who, in the local authority made the decision to seek an injunction in the first and second claim?

Legal Services in accordance with the Council's constitution.

7) Who authorised spending of Local Authority funds on litigation when the local authority has no lawful duty for 11+ tests, and as why were public funds used for such purposes?

The Council has disregarded the opinion information in this question and has treated the question as *Who authorised spending of Local Authority funds on litigation?*

The spending of funds was a necessary consequence of the decision to take the proceedings and is therefore covered under question 6 rather than a separate question in itself.

8) Did any of the grammar schools in Warwickshire ask for litigation or contribute any legal costs?

The Council has treated the question in its two separate parts:

Did any of the grammar schools in Warwickshire ask for litigation?

Information not held

Did any of the grammar schools contribute any legal costs?

The Defendant was ordered to pay the Council's legal costs

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The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Phone: 0303 123 1113 Website: www.ico.org.uk

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Sheward Information Rights Officer