



EDUCATION AUTHORITY FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST INTERNAL REVIEW RESPONSE

FOI 4630/FOI 4713

Date: 10th March 2020

Dear Mr Giertuga

I write on behalf of the Education Authority further to your request for an internal review of information previously provided under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request:

From: Dawid Giertuga <<mailto:request-634787-9489932b@whatdotheyknow.com>>

Sent: 11 February 2020 20:28

To: EANI Info <<mailto:info@eani.org.uk>>

Subject: Internal review of Freedom of Information request - Post-Primary Year 11-12 Transfer Figures

Dear Education Authority, Northern Ireland,

Please pass this on to the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews.

I am writing to request an internal review of Education Authority, Northern Ireland's handling of my FOI request 'Post-Primary Year 11-12 Transfer Figures'.

Your response to my request states that you do not hold the requested information because "parents apply directly to the schools". Whereas this may be the case for pending and denied applications, I also requested figures for approved transfers. Surely, the Education Authority would hold information on schools accepting transferring pupils? Thus I request the number of successful transfers in the time period specified previously.

A full history of my FOI request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address:

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/post_primary_year_11_12_transfer

Yours faithfully,

Dawid Giertuga

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Response:

Under the Northern Ireland legislation admissions to schools is the responsibility of the Boards of Governors of individual schools. The Education Authority has a role in administering preferences for applications to Year 1 of Primary Schools, Year 8 of Post-Primary Schools, and Year 14 of Senior High Schools. Responsibility for accepting or refusing applications still rests with the Boards of Governors of schools although the Education Authority does hold information due to the administrative role it holds in the procedures.

Applications for admission to Years 2-7 of primary schools and Years 9-12 of post-primary schools are made directly to schools and the Education Authority does not hold information on such applications. As the request is seeking information pertaining to year groups 11 and 12, the information is not held by the EA.

The Information may be available from individual schools. A list of post-primary schools in Belfast and North Down is provided attached.

If you are dissatisfied with any aspect of this response or the handling of your request, you have the right to appeal it within two calendar months of the date of this response, by writing directly to:

Head of Information Governance
Education Authority
1 Hospital Rd,
Omagh
BT79 0AW

In the event that you remain dissatisfied, you have the right to complain further to the Information Commissioner's Office at the address below:

The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 01 625 54 57 45/0303 123 1113 or
www.ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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