

Ms L Kerrigan

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Via Email

When emailing please direct to:

Ann-Marie Johnstone

13<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Ms Kerrigan

**FREEDOM INFORMATION REVIEW - REF NO: 015342 – REQUEST REF: 015130**

I am writing in response to your complaint received on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020.

You were advised in a response to your complaint that it would be processed as an internal review through the Council's appeals procedure. This letter sets out the outcome of that review and the full process that we have completed to date in relation to your requests and the outcome of your request for an internal review.

On 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019, you requested the following information:

*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 - 2018/19.*

*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*

On 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020, you emailed the following:

*Dear Middlesbrough Council,*

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

*I am writing to request an internal review of Middlesbrough Council's handling of my FOI request 'School Placements'.*

*Not received a reply from my request:*

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### Conclusion

I have investigated the issue and assessed your case and after careful consideration I have concluded that your complaint around the timeliness of a response is upheld. The Council should have responded to your request for information by no later than 19<sup>th</sup> December 2019. I would like to sincerely apologise for exceeding the timeframe stipulated when responding to requests for information.

A copy of the requested information is attached.

I believe this now concludes the internal review of your request however, if you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for an independent review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: -

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

Yours sincerely

Ann-Marie Johnstone  
**Governance & Information Manager**