

Ms Pat Smith
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Our Ref: ECC-013246-11
Date: 27 July 2011

Dear Ms Smith

Your Freedom of Information Request:

I am writing in respect of your recent enquiry for information held by the Authority under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 S14 (2) the Authority has a right to refuse to provide an applicant with information held if the Authority has previously supplied the information to the requestor.

The Authority believes in this case such an exemption applies to the following part of your request:

1. Two hours? What type of training?

This information was supplied to you on 21st June 2011, reference ECC-012273-11, and as part of your internal review for the same response. It has therefore been decided to refuse this part of your request. We can however provide further context to this area as we have calculated that as a percentage of Post 16 students that we have travelling, those with ASD account for 2 % of the students travelling.

2. I have never heard of a transport decision-maker going into schools. Please provide evidence of this.

Decision-makers maintain contact with schools via telephone calls, and where necessary a personal visit on an ad hoc basis. We do not record when these visits take place in an accessible format and are therefore unable to provide this to you.

If you are not satisfied with the decision you may ask for an internal review via Essex County Council's Complaint, Compliments & Comments procedure. For further information which outlines these procedures please follow this link <http://www.essex.gov.uk/Pages/Complaints-comments-compliments.aspx>

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In addition if you are not satisfied with the Council's decision you may apply to the Information Commissioner for an independent review at the following address:

The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545700
Web Address: www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

Lauri Almond

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