

Information Governance

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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ01410

Thank you for your request for information relating to Schools.

Your request and our responses are shown below:

1. In the last financial year (2015/16) how much money did you pay to students, who attended school under your authority's responsibility, as compensation for personal injuries?

Please see below.

2. How many individual claims did this represent?

One.

3. For all payments in excess of £2,000 please state the amount of compensation and a brief description of the nature of the claim, e.g. Fall from climbing frame (£2,100), Fingers trapped in door (£3,150).

Please see below.

4. In relation to all claims for compensation for personal injury referred to in Q.1 how many of these claims were for injuries sustained as a result of an attack or assault from another student?

None.

5. What was the total compensation paid to students who were attacked or assaulted by fellow students?

None.

With regards to Questions 1 and 3, as the number of cases is low and therefore could make the parties involved identifiable the Council considers that the requested information is caught by the exemption to disclosure contained in Sections 40 (2) and 40 (3) FOIA. This exemption covers the personal data of third parties (anyone other than the requester) where complying with the request would breach any of the principles in the Data Protection Act. Personal data is defined by the Data Protection Act 1998 as 'data which relates to a living individual who can be identified from that data and other data that a person may already have'.

A disclosure made under FOIA is judged to be to the wider world. The individuals involved would not reasonably expect that their details would be disclosed in this way. It may also constitute a breach of the DPA principles. This is an absolute exemption and therefore there is no requirement for us to consider the public interest.

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If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email casework@ico.org.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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