

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000175
Date 25 May 2016

School Places Fraud

Request:

I would like to request information on the number of school place applications in your local authority where fraud may have been committed in order for applicants to get their preferred school.

Please provide, for each school year from 2010 to 2015:

1. The number of applicants found to have committed or attempted to commit fraud in order to get their child into their preferred school

2010/2011 = 1 application investigated

2011/2012 = 2 applications investigated

2012/2013 = 0

2013/2014 = 0

2014/2015 = 2 applications investigated

2. The number of school offers rescinded due to an attempt or act of fraud by applicants in order to get their child into their preferred school

2010/2011 = 1 place rescinded

2011/2012 = 2 places rescinded

2012/2013 = N/A

2013/2014 = N/A

2014/2015 = 1 place rescinded

For each applicant/offer in (1) and (2), please provide the type of fraud for each applicant and rescinded offer. If the type of fraud is not included in the list below, please do specify it.

- a. Falsified family member
- b. Falsified religion
- c. Falsified living address
- d. Other (please specify)

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

For each applicant/offer in (1) and (2), please also provide the name of the school the applicant was applying to or was offered a place at.

With reference to your above question, I can confirm that the Council holds information falling within the description specified in your request. However, following careful consideration I regret to inform you that the information you requested regarding the name of the school is being withheld with reference to section 40(2) (Personal data) of the FOI Act. The Council considers that because of the low numbers involved, this information, alongside the name of the school could identify the individuals concerned.

However the information we can release is that the above relate to primary schools.