

Response to Request for Information

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Looked After Children Admissions

Request:

1. In 2016-17, how many applications for in-year admissions to mainstream schools did the local authority make on behalf of its looked-after children?
19
2. How many of these were to (a) maintained schools and (b) academies/non-maintained schools?
11 maintained schools and 8 academies
3. How many of these applications were successful, within the timescale of 20 school days? Please provide this figure for (a) maintained schools and (b) academies/non-maintained schools.
All 19 were successful within 20 school days
4. How many of the applications were successful beyond 20 school days? Please provide this figure for (a) academies and (b) academies/non-maintained schools.
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5. What were the reasons for any delays beyond the 20 day limit? Please say in how many cases each of the below reasons applied: **N/A**
 - Bureaucracy
 - Communication difficulties
 - Response not provided within timescale
 - Initial refusal being challenged through appeal process
 - Initial refusal lead to threat to direct
 - Initial refusal lead to request to direct
 - Other
6. How many applications were unsuccessful? Please provide this figure for (a) academies and (b) academies/non-maintained schools.
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7. What reasons were given for rejecting applications? Please say in how many cases each of the below reasons applied: **N/A**
- That by admitting a looked after child it would 'seriously prejudice the provision of efficient education or the efficient use of resources'.
 - Already over PAN
 - Unable to meet needs of pupil
 - Other
8. How many cases resulted in a direction to another admissions authority?
0
9. How many cases were referred to the Department for Education/ESFA?
0
10. How many of these referrals resulted in the school/academy being directed to take the pupil onto its roll?
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11. What was the longest length of time it took from the point of applying in-year to a mainstream school/academy, to a pupil being accepted onto its roll?
10 school days