

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002767
Date 12 September 2018

School Compensation

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act I request the following information on compensation paid to families for injuries to their children at council-run schools.

- 1) The number of
 - a) successful compensation claims
[Please see our response provided below.](#)
 - b) out-of-court settlements paid to families or guardians of children injured at council-run schools in the past three years, broken down by year.
[In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as we but do not record whether payments are out of court settlements.](#)

[Consequently, we are unable to provide the above requested information relating to question 1\) b\) above, and are informing you as required by Section 1\(1\) \(a\) of the Act, that states:](#)

["Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".](#)

[However, we can provide you with information on how many cases are litigated and have included this in our response below which we hope will be of use.](#)

[01-09-2015 – 31-08-2016 = 3 \(one in litigation\)](#)

[01-09-2016 – 31-08-2017 = 2](#)

[01-09-2017 – 31-08-2018 = 2 \(one in litigation\)](#)

- 2) The total cost of
- a) the compensation and
 - b) the out-of-court settlements in each of the past three years, broken down by year.

With reference to the above questions, please see our response provided in question 1) b) above.

01-09-2015 – 31-08-2016 = £25,046.65

01-09-2016 – 31-08-2017 = £16,835.75

01-09-2017 – 31-08-2018 = £10,559.13

- 3) Please provide a breakdown of each successful compensation claim or out-of-court settlements paid to families or guardians of children injured at council-run schools in the past three years to include:

- a) The date of the successful compensation claim/out-of-court settlement.
- b) The type of agreement i.e contested compensation claim or out-of-court settlement.

With reference to the above question, please see our response provided in question 1 above.

- c) The entire cost of the compensation or out-of-court settlement or compensation received by the complainant.
- d) As many details as to why the claim was brought against the council.

In response to your above questions, please see table on page 3 providing you with information.

Year	Date of Compensation Payment	Claim Handler Decision	In Litigation?	Cost of Compensation	Description of Claim
2015-2016	26-11-2015	Admitted Liability	no	£ 2,000.00	Volley ball post base became detached and struck claimants foot
2015-2016	11-03-2016	Admitted Liability	yes	£ 15,000.00	Claimant was hit in face by hockey stick
2015-2016	23-03-2016	Admitted Liability	no	£ 8,046.65	Collided with protruding bolts on a mobile basket ball stand causing injury to face
2016-2017	11-11-2016	Admitted Liability	no	£ 15,000.00	Football goal collapsed
2016-2017	23-06-2017	Admitted Liability	no	£ 1,835.75	Finger in gate
2017-2018	05-07-2018	Admitted Liability	no	£ 6,500.00	Claimants finger trapped in box
2017-2018	16-08-2018	Repudiated	yes	£ 4,059.13	Fingers injured on an air raid shelter