

Response to Request for Information

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Penalty Notices – Child Missing School

Request:

I would like to request some information under the Freedom of Information Act.

Could you please tell me:

For each of the academic years:

- 2012/13 - 0
- 2013/14 - 125
- 2014/15 - 382

We did not issue Penalty Notices in respect of unauthorised leave of absence until September 2013.

1. How much money was collected by the authority in fines (penalty notices) issued to parents for their child missing school without permission?
In answer to your above we only started issuing Penalty Notices for unauthorised leave of Absence in September 2013, after a change to Government Guidance, therefore we do not hold information prior to those years.
 - The amount collected for the period September 2013 – March 2014 was £3,685.
 - The collective amount collected the financial year 14/15 was £25,010.
2. What the money collected was used for. For example, given to schools, specific education programmes, etc?
The money collected by issuing Penalty Notices for Unauthorised Leave of Absence in Term Time can only be used for the Administration of Justice.