

From: [Foi Enquiries](#)
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI-17-0898 - ASN Staff Absences
Date: 19 July 2017 16:32:14
Attachments: [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 21 June 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

I would like to request, under the Freedom of Information act, the following information for each year since 2010:

(a) The absence rate of ASN specialist staff at schools

(b) A breakdown of this absence rate by role, ie teachers, assistants, speech and language therapist and so on.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on ASN specialist staff absence rates as it is not recorded centrally in this format. Whilst we record when staff are absent, there is no distinction made for ASN specialist staff at schools in our HR Database. As such, we would have to check through all ASN specialist staff personnel records and extract the relevant information, where recorded.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **The absence rate of ASN specialist staff at schools** and **A breakdown of this absence rate by role, ie teachers, assistants, speech and language therapist and so on.** as the cost of providing it has been calculated as being in excess of the statutory maximum (£600).

In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 16 of the FOISA, ACC hereby give notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Section 12 - Excessive Cost of Compliance - of the FOISA.

ACC would be happy to discuss ways in which you may refine your request, so we can provide some information of interest to you within the maximum cost limits. Please do contact the Information Compliance team, who will be happy to advise you, if this is something you would like to pursue.

(c) The overall staff absence rate within schools in your area.

2010 – Information not held
2011 – Information not held
2012 – Information not held
2013 – 2.7 average days
2014 – 2.6 average days
2015 – 2.9 average days
2016 – 5.7 average days
2017 – 6 average days

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Webster
Information Compliance Officer

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

ACC handled your request for information in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under FOISA.

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