

**From:** [Foi Enquiries](#)  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** FOI-17-1575 - Exclusions - Alcohol  
**Date:** 16 November 2017 16:45:16  
**Attachments:** [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request of 26 October 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

**a) The number of children excluded/permanently excluded from council run secondary schools for either possession or use of alcohol between January 2015 and September 30 2017, broken down by date, type of alcohol (ie beer, spirits, alcopop etc) and whether or not police were involved.**

As per the Scottish Government Data Specification for Absence, Attendance and Exclusions (AAE), the exclusion can be temporary or a removal from the register. There can be one or more reason for each exclusion.

The Incident Types and Codes are also in the Scottish Government Data Specification for AAE and to answer this FOI the 'Substance misuse –alcohol' (Code 57) is used.

To extract this information, the AAE data sets for 2014/15 and 2015/16 academic years were used. Data for 2016/7 is not yet available.

Number of secondary school pupils excluded for '*Substance misuse –alcohol*' (Code 57)

Period	Temporary exclusions	Removal from Register
01/01/2015 to 01/07/2016	**	0

\*\* Please Note that: If the number is greater than 0 but less than 5 then such number/s have been replaced by asterisks (\*\*) because they could be misleading or lead to an identification of individuals.

This information cannot be further broken down by date due to small number of occurrences/pupils.

ACC is unable to provide you with above information **broken down by date** as it is exempt from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 16 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Section 38(1)(b) in conjunction with 38(2)(a)(i) – Personal Information - of the FOISA.

In making this decision ACC considered the following points:

ACC is of the opinion that Section 38(1)(b) applies to the information specified above as any information held is personal information relating to living individuals, of which the applicant is not the data subject.

ACC is of the opinion that Section 38(2)(a)(i) applies, as we consider that disclosure of this information would be a breach of the first Data Protection Principle (that personal information must be processed fairly and lawfully). These individuals have not consented to the disclosure of

their information, and ACC does not consider that they would expect ACC to release this information about them into the public domain under the FOISA. Due to the small number of pupils who were temporary excluded, ACC is of the opinion that providing the relevant dates, may lead to the individuals being identified.

ACC is unable to provide you with the **information broken down by type of alcohol and whether or not police were involved** as it is not held by ACC. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 17 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that this information is not held by it.

**b) The number of children excluded/permanently excluded from council run primary schools for either possession or use of alcohol between January 2015 and September 30 2017, broken down by date, type of alcohol (ie beer, spirits, alcopop etc) and whether or not police were involved.**

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We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Salomeh Kheyri Rad  
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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