

From: Foi Enquiries

Sent: 20 September 2019 13:30

Subject: FOI-19-1148 - Accidents, Violence & Assaults

Thank you for your information request of 21 August 2019 and please accept our apologies for delay in providing the response to you. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested. Our response is now detailed below.

Please can you provide a breakdown for each of the following for each of the past three financial years.

- 1. How many children have been injured as a result of accidents at primary schools. Please provide details of each accident and the type of injury involved.**
- 2. How many children have been injured as a result of accidents at secondary schools. Please provide details of each accident and the type of injury involved.**
- 3. How many children have been injured as a result of violence at primary schools. Please provide details of each incident and the type of injury involved.**
- 4. How many children have been injured as a result of violence at secondary schools. Please provide details of each incident and the type of injury involved.**
- 5. How many school staff members have been injured as a result of accidents at primary schools. Please provide details of each accident and the type of injury involved.**
- 6. How many school staff members have been injured as a result of accidents at secondary schools. Please provide details of each accident and the type of injury involved.**
- 7. How many school staff members have been injured as a result of violence at primary schools. Please provide details of each incident and the type of injury involved.**
- 8. How many school staff members have been injured as a result of violence at secondary schools. Please provide details of each incident and the type of injury involved.**
- 9. How many assaults have been recorded involving pupils at both primary and secondary schools.**
- 10. How many assaults have been recorded involving staff at both primary and secondary schools**
- 11. How many times have items thought to have been weapons been taken into or used in schools. Please provide details of each item.**

Please see attached [FOI-19-1148 – Response](#).

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.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,



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FOI-19-1148 -Accidents, Violence & Assaults

PUPILS INJURED IN SCHOOLS

Number of Pupils Injured			
Type of School	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17
Primary School	77	63	81
Secondary School	23	43	102
Mixed Age School	**	0	**
School not Specified	13	19	25

Please note that these figures contain all injuries irrespective of whether it was accidental or not. We do not record figures for accidents alone.

We are unable to provide you with figures for accidents alone. as it is not held by ACC. In order to comply with our obligations under the terms of Section 17 of the FOISA, we hereby give notice that this information is not held by us.

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We are unable to provide you with the exact figures or information where ** has been used, as it is exempt from disclosure. In order to comply with our obligations under the terms of Section 16 of the FOISA, we hereby give notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Section 38(1)(b) in conjunction with Section 38(2)(A)(a) – Personal Information - of the FOISA.

In making this decision we considered the following points:

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

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2018-19		
Type of School	Cause of Injury	Type of Injury
Primary School	Exposure to harmful substance Fall from height Slip trip fall Struck against Struck by object Other	Asphyxia or poisoning Bone fracture Burns Concussion/internal injuries Contusions and bruising Lacerations and open wounds Loss of consciousness Other known injuries Not known Sprains and strains Superficial injuries
Secondary School	Slip trip fall Struck against	Bone Fracture Burns

	struck by object Other	Contusions/internal injuries Contusions and bruising Lacerations and open wounds Loss of consciousness Other known injuries Sprains and strains Superficial injuries
Mixed Age School	**	**
School not Specified	Fall from height Slip trip fall Struck against object Struck by object Other	Bone fracture Burns Contusions and bruising Lacerations and open wounds Other known injuries Not known Sprains and strains

2017-18		
Type of School	Cause of Injury	Type of Injury
Primary School	Fall from height Slip trip fall Struck against Struck by object Trapped by something collapsing Other	Bone Fracture Burns Concussion/internal injuries Contusions and bruising Lacerations and open wounds Loss of consciousness Other known injuries Not known Superficial Injuries
Secondary School	Lifting and handling Slip trip fall Struck against Struck by object Other	Bone Fracture Burns Concussion / internal injuries Contusions and bruising Dislocation Lacerations and open wounds Other known injuries Not known Strains and sprains Superficial injuries
Mixed Age School	0	0
School not Specified	Contact with electricity Fall from height Slip trip fall Struck by object Other	Bone fracture Concussion/internal injuries Contusions and bruising Electric shock Lacerations and open wounds Other known injuries Not known Strains and sprains Superficial injuries

2016-17		
Type of School	Cause of Injury	Type of Injury
Primary School	Fall from height Slip trip fall Struck against Struck by object Other	Bone fracture Concussion/internal injuries Contusions and bruising Dislocation Lacerations and open wounds Loss of consciousness Other known injuries Strains and sprains Superficial injuries
Secondary School	Exposure to harmful substance Fall from height Lifting and handling Slip trip fall Struck against Struck by moving vehicle Struck by object Other	Bone fracture Burns Concussion / internal injuries Contusions / bruising Dislocation Lacerations / open wounds Loss of consciousness Loss of sight Multiple injuries Other known injuries Not known Sprains and strains Superficial injuries
Mixed Age School	**	**
School not Specified	Exposure to harmful substance Fall from height Slip trip fall Struck against object Struck by object Other	Bone fracture Concussion /internal injuries contusions and bruising Lacerations / open wounds Other known injuries Sprains and strains Superficial injuries

PUPILS ASSAULTED/ INJURED DUE TO VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS

Number of Pupils Assaulted/Injured due to violence			
Type of School	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17
Primary School	8	10	11
Secondary School	**	**	**
Mixed Age School	**	0	0
School not Specified	**	0	0

Please note that we do not have separate records for violence and assault as they are classed as the same on our systems.

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Pupil Injures due to violence			
Type of School	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17
Primary School	Contusions and bruising Lacerations and open wounds other known injuries Superficial injuries	Lacerations and open wounds Other known injuries Not known Superficial injuries	Contusions and bruising Other known injuries Not known Superficial injuries
Secondary School	**	**	**
Mixed Age School	**	0	0
School not Specified	**	0	0

STAFF INJURED IN SCHOOLS

Number of Staff Injured			
Type of School	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17
Primary School	33	44	51
Secondary School	22	25	15
Mixed Age School	**	**	7
School not Specified	**	14	15

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2018-19		
Type of School	Cause of Injury	Type of Injury
Primary School	Slip Trip Fall Struck Against Struck by object Fall from Height Other	Bone Fracture Contusions and bruising Lacerations and open wounds Multiple injuries Other known injuries Not known Sprains and Strains Superficial injuries
Secondary School	Contact with machinery Lifting and handling Slip trip fall Struck against Struck by object Other	Bone fracture Burns Contusions and bruising Lacerations and open wounds Other known injuries Not known Strains and sprains Superficial Injuries
Mixed Age School	**	**
School not Specified	**	**

2017-18		
Type of School	Cause of Injury	Type of Injury
Primary School	Slip trip fall Struck against Struck by object Other	Bone fracture Burns Contusions and bruising Lacerations and open wounds Other known injuries Not known Superficial Injuries
Secondary School	Slip trip fall Struck against Struck by object Other	Bone fracture Contusions and bruising Lacerations and open wounds Loss of consciousness Loss of sight Other known injuries Strains and sprains Superficial injuries
Mixed Age School	**	**
School not Specified	Lifting and handling Slip trip fall	Burns Concussion/internal injuries

	Struck against Other	Contusions and bruising Lacerations and open wounds Not known Sprains and strains Superficial injuries
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2016-17		
Type of School	Cause of Injury	Type of Injury
Primary School	Fall from height Slip trip fall Struck against Struck by object Other	Bone fracture Concussion / internal injuries Contusions and bruising Lacerations and open wounds Other known injuries Not known Sprains and strains Superficial injuries
Secondary School	Contact with machinery Slip trip fall Struck by object Other	Contusions and bruising Fracture Lacerations /open wounds Other known injuries Not known Sprains and strains Superficial injuries
Mixed Age School	Slip trip fall Struck by object Other	Contusions and bruising Lacerations and open wounds Other known injuries Sprains and strains
School not Specified	Injured by animal Slip trip fall Struck against object Struck by object Other	Bone fracture Contusions and bruising Lacerations /open wounds Not known Sprains and strains

STAFF ASSAULTED/ INJURED DUE TO VIOLENCE IN SCHOOLS

Number of Staff Assaulted/ Injured due to violence			
Type of School	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17
Primary School	237	215	465
Secondary School	**	**	8
Mixed Age School	25	0	6
School not Specified	25	13	13

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Staff Injures due to violence			
Type of School	2018-19	2017-18	2016-17
Primary School	Bone fracture Contusions and bruising Lacerations and open wounds Multiple injuries Other known injuries Not known Sprains and sprains Superficial injuries	Contusions and bruising Dislocation Lacerations and open wounds Multiple injuries Other known injuries Not known Superficial injuries	Contusions and bruising Lacerations / Open wounds Multiple injuries Other known injuries Not known Sprains and strains superficial injuries
Secondary School	**	**	Burns Contusions and bruising Other known injuries Sprains and strains
Mixed Age School	Contusions and bruising Loss of consciousness Other known injuries Superficial injuries	0	Contusions and bruising Other known injuries
School not Specified	Contusions and bruising Loss of consciousness Other known injuries Superficial injuries	Contusions and bruising Fracture Lacerations and open wounds Sprains and strains	Contusions and bruising Lacerations /open wounds Other known injuries Superficial injuries

ITEMS THOUGHT TO BE WEAPONS

Number of times items thought to be weapons were taken into or used in Schools						
Type of School	2018-19		2017-18		2016-17	
Primary School	5	1 knife found, 2 scissors, 1 playdough thrown,	4	1 scissors, 2 knives, 1 unfolded paper clip	7	2 knives found, 2 knives, 1 metal pole,

		1 unspecified, 1 butter knife				1 scissors, 1 dart
Secondary School	1	1 knife found	2	1 found knife, 1 drill	3	1 knife found, 1 bb gun, 1 broken plastic ruler
Mixed Age School	0		0		0	
School not Specified	2	2 scissors	0		0	