

From: Foi Enquiries

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Subject: FOI-19-1636 - Educational Psychologist

Thank you for your information request of 3 December 2019. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested. Our response is now detailed below.

1. How many educational psychologists are employed with the local authority – please provide data broken down over the last five years.

2014/15: 23

2015/16: 20

2016/17: 17

2017/18: 20

2018/19: 10.7

2019/20: 12.1

2. How many pupils have been supported by educational psychologists in the local authority – please provide data broken down by year since 2007

We do not hold this information. Our Consultation Model delivers some direct work negotiated school by school, most work upskilling school staff on identification, assessment and support strategies. This model tries to impact on the greater number of children through supporting those working directly with the child i.e. class teachers; although individual children receive direct support, where there are multiple and complex factors affecting their learning and development.

We are unable to provide you with information on **how many pupils have been supported by educational psychologists** 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 gives notice that this information is not held by us.

3. How many vacancies does the local authority have for educational psychologists?

3.3fte vacancies

4. What is the average waiting time for children and young people to see an educational psychologist, if possible please provide data broken down by year since 2007.

As per question 2, there is not a waiting list held by the service. School management, manage prioritisation negotiated with Educational Psychologist. Beyond this, priority is given to: child protection, looked after children, children in transition.

We are unable to provide you with information on **the average waiting time for children and young people to see an educational psychologist** 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 gives notice that this information is not held by us.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

We 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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