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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI-17-0213 - Hate Incidents - Schools
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Attachments: [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 6 February 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

I am looking to find out the number of recorded incidents of homophobia and racism in the primary and nursery schools within your council area for the academic years 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16 and 2016-17 to date.

This information would be recorded through Grampian Regional Equality Council (GREC):

<http://grec.co.uk/>

We wish to advise you to contact them for information on reported incidents of homophobia and racism in Aberdeen City.

Within Education and Children's Services, while incidents may also be recorded in a child's personal school record, we do not currently have a central record of these.

ACC is unable to provide you with information on hate Incidents between students as the cost of providing it has been calculated as being in excess of the statutory maximum (£600). To explain this, it would involve a member of staff in each school searching through every individual pupil's file for the information sought, making notes and collating the data. A conservative estimate is that it would take 10 minutes to complete this process for each file so, for example, in a secondary school with a roll of 800 pupils this would equate to over 133 hours of work and a cost in the region of £2000. Given that the same process would have to be replicated in each of our schools, the final cost would well exceed the maximum cost of £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

This includes incidents between staff and students, incidents between students and other students, and incidents between staff members

Please see our response to Question 1

Could the information be broken down by type (racism or homophobia), year, and the parties involved (staff-student, student-student, staff-staff).

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I would like the details of these incidents as well, for example, what was said, whether staff or student said it - and whether they said it to a staff member or student - and if violence was involved.

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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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