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Subject: FOI-17-0252 - Weapons in Schools
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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 13 February 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

Can you give me answers to these questions under Freedom of Information rules please with a yearly breakdown between 2010- 2016 and with the names of the schools and whether they were primary or secondary schools .

Since 2010, can you give me a year by year breakdown until 2016 of the number of knives or bladed instruments removed from pupils in schools, detailing the names of the schools and whether they are primary or secondary schools.

Can you give me figures for the number of pupils excluded because they were found to have a bladed instrument or weapon, again showing a yearly breakdown from 2010 until 2016, with schools named and detailed as primary or secondary, and their ages.

Can you give me figures for the number of pupils reported to police or Scottish Children's Reporter Administration because they had been found carrying a weapon/ bladed instrument between 2010- 2016.

Can you give me figures for the number of children reporting being injured by another pupil with a bladed instrument/ or weapon broken down by year between 2010 -2016, school by school.

Can you tell me many times pupils were injured by another pupil and required medical/ hospital attention, broken down yearly between 2010 - 2016, school by school.

Can you tell me how many pupils found with a bladed weapon were removed and placed at another school and whether parents at the new school were informed of such a decision, year by year between 2010- 2016.

Answers to these questions have already been published by Aberdeen City Council in previous FOI responses. Please see the following:

FOI-16-0319 – Weapons in Schools

<http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/nmsruntime/saveasdialog.asp?IID=70460&SID=27601>

FOI-16-0991 – Offences in Schools

<http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/nmsruntime/saveasdialog.asp?IID=73250&SID=27601>

FOI-16-1473 – Weapons in Schools

<http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/nmsruntime/saveasdialog.asp?IID=74509&SID=27601>

FOI-17-0077 – Offences in Schools
Please see attached.

If there is anything else you require, please contact us to discuss.

Can you tell me how many times those incidents were reported to the police, again broken down by year, school by school, between 2010-2016.

This information will be held by Police Scotland. Please contact them at the following details:

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/access-to-information/freedom-of-information/>

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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Subject: FOI-17-0077 - Offences in Schools
Date: 13 February 2017 14:55:27
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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your information request of 16 January 2016. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

Under Freedom of Information legislation, please could you provide me with:

Details on how many school staff within your council area have been disciplined for inappropriate relationships with pupils in the past year (January 2016 – December 2016, inclusive). If possible, for each case please tell me the staff member's position (IE teacher, classroom assistant janitor, dinner lady), whether it was a primary, secondary or special needs school, the outcome of the disciplinary process and whether the matter was reported to police.

None.

Details on how many times police have been called to schools within your council area in the past year (January 2016 – December 2016, inclusive). For each instance, please tell me whether it was a primary, secondary or special school and provide a brief description of why police were called.

ACC is unable to provide a response to this part of your request as there is no central record of the number of times police have been called to a school. On contacting each school, 3 schools were unable to provide a response as they do not hold the information in a way which could be extracted easily.

Please see below details of times police have been called to school based on those schools who were able to respond. Please note again that this is not a complete and accurate picture as 3 schools were unable to respond:

	No of times Police called	Reason
Primary Schools	71	39 x vandalism 2 x theft 7 x suspected / possession of prohibited items 8 x in connection with pupils leaving school grounds 2 x assault of staff 5 x serious misbehaviour / aggressive behaviour by pupils 6 x domestic/court restrictions/aggressive behaviour by parents 1 x children approached by stranger (found to be a neighbour) 1 x incident at local park

Secondary Schools	20	3 x assault on staff 6 x suspected / substance misuse 4 x suspected / possession of prohibited items 4 x intruder/suspicious persons 1 x burnt out car near school 1 x theft 1 x pupil acting very aggressively
Special Schools	6	5 x pupils leaving school without permission 1 x property damage

ACC is unable to provide you with information on **how many times police have been called to schools within your council area in the past year (January 2016 – December 2016, inclusive)** 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 the schools that were unable to respond, 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.

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.

Details of all compensation payments made by your council in the past year (January 2016 – December 2016, inclusive). Please break down your response into (a) compensation payments made to council staff and (b) compensation payments made to others. In your response, please provide a brief explanation of why compensation was paid out, and how much the claimant received. Please provide a total amount for the year.

Class	Dates	No of claims	Total paid	Causes
PL	Jan - Dec 16	312	£18,153.93	Refuse bins
				Escape of water
				Grass cutting
				Other work process
				Signs - Carriageway
				Surface defect carriageway
				Surface defect footway

Class	Dates	No of claims	Total paid	Causes
EL	Jan-Dec 16	13	£17,622.00	Other work process
Class	Dates	No of claims	Total paid	Causes
MOTOR	Jan-Dec 16	143	£106,883.13	Refuse bins
				Lack of space
				Reversing

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