FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide the following information: for each of the past five years (2009 to 2013 inclusive), the number of children that have been taken into local authority care (looked after children) where over-feeding/high BMI/obesity (or similar) was cited as a factor in the decision to remove the child. If possible, please provide details of the sex of the child, age or broad age group, and weight of the child at the point of being taken in to care.

No children have been placed into care with obesity cited as a contributory factor.

Please also provide for each of the past five years (2009 to 2013 inclusive), the number of children that have been placed on the child protection register where over-feeding/high BMI/obesity (or similar) was cited as a factor in the decision to place the child on the register. If possible, please provide details of the sex of the child, age or broad age group, and weight of the child at the point of being taken in to care.

No children have been placed on the child protection register with obesity cited as a contributory factor.

Please could you also provide information on the number of children in the past three years, who were recorded at measurements done as part of the National Child Measurement Programme as weighing 16 stone or more (please divide numbers into Reception and Year 6 pupils). How many children have been recorded as weighing 20 stone or more in the past three years?

The data for the last 3 years available, 2009/10 to 2011/12, shows that there were no children in Reception Year with a recorded weight of 16 stone and over. In Year 6, there were less than 5 pupils with a recorded weight of 16 stone or more between 2009/10 and 2011/12. As the figure is less than 5 there is potential for an individual to be identified. For that reason this information is withheld under section 40(2) (personal data), and this therefore constitutes a refusal under section 17 of the Freedom of information Act 2000. There were no pupils with a recorded weight of 20 stone or over.

The data for 2012/13 has not been shared with Leicester City Council at the present time therefore; the Council does not hold this information. This letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held.

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

Information Governance Manager
Information and Support
Leicester City Council
FREEPOST (LE985/33)
New Walk Centre
LEICESTER LE1 6ZG
e-mail: info-requests@leicester.gov.uk

Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700
www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

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