

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – Laptop Theft

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

You asked:

I would like to find out the following information about laptop use and security in your school district please.

1 - How many of your laptops - either on-premise or loaned out to students/teachers - have been stolen in 2009, 2010 and so far in 2011?

2 - How many of your laptops - either on-premise or loaned out to students/teachers - have gone missing in 2009, 2010 and so far in 2011?

3 - Can you break down these thefts by month of the year?

4 - What proportion of these lost/stolen laptops have encryption?

5 - What's the average value of the laptops that you buy?

6 - Are any of these laptops tracked? If so, what percentage are recovered when stolen?

7 - Are all of these laptops insured?

Response

Leicester City Council does not regularly purchase laptops for schools. ICT equipment is purchased by individual schools and as such, the information in response to these questions would have to be sought directly from individual schools. There have been specific centrally funded government schemes, these are:

Computers for Pupils - the laptops were encrypted and purchased with 3 years insurance but became the property of the schools to which they were allocated. Any information on theft or loss would have to be obtained from individual schools. The scheme is now closed.

Home Access for Looked After Children - these laptops were allocated to individual LAC.

The Authority recently (March 2011) purchased 140 netbooks which have been allocated to 5 primary schools - they are now regarded as the property of the schools. They were encrypted but not insured by Leicester City Council.

Leicester City Council does not hold the 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, the information is not available, schools would need to be contacted individually.

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Head of Information Governance

Information and Support

Leicester City Council

FREEPOST (LE985/33)

New Walk Centre

LEICESTER LE1 6ZG

e-mail: FOIA@leicester.gov.uk

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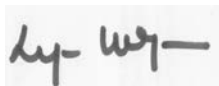
Wilmslow SK9 5AF

Telephone: 01625 545 700

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Yours sincerely



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