

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

1. Please disclose how many times inappropriate images have been found on council computers during each of the last five financial years. (Please give a separate figure for each year.)

Response

In the last 5 years inappropriate images have been found on Council computers as follows:

2010/11 - No cases

2009/10 – Two cases

2008/9 – Two cases

2007/8 – One case

2006/7 – No cases

2. In each instance, please state how many council staff have been subject to disciplinary action and what action was taken.

Disciplinary action against staff was taken as follows, in each instance only one member of staff was involved:

2010/11 – Not applicable

2009/10:

Case 1- Final Written Warning

Case 2 – Dismissal and case passed to Police

2008/9:

Case 1 - Resigned before action taken

Case 2 – Dismissal and case passed to Police, subject pleaded guilty when case reached court.

2007/8:

Dismissal

2006/7 – Not applicable

3. Breaking down the data by year, please specify how many images were found, and whether they were rated as “highly inappropriate”, “inappropriate”, “illegal” or “other”.

E.g.

Year	Severity of Images	Number of images
2010-11	Inappropriate	6000
	Highly Inappropriate	2000

Please also outline what sort of material the council understands the terms “highly inappropriate”, “inappropriate” etc. to encompass.

We do not record the volume of images nor classify them in the manner that you have stipulated, a numerical breakdown is therefore not available. We do not use the terminology “highly inappropriate”, “inappropriate” etc” and therefore cannot respond directly however our we would refer you to our Code of Conduct for Employees available upon the internet at:
<http://www.leicester.gov.uk/your-council-services/council-and-democracy/key-documents/conditions-of-service/appendices/appendix-l-to-z/appendix-v/>

4. If the council uses any software to identify inappropriate images on council computers, please specify what kind of software and how much it has cost the council over the past five financial years.

The council does not use specific software to identify inappropriate images on council computers.

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

**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

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.

You can also complain to the Information Commissioner at:

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

Please be aware that the Information Commissioner does not normally consider appeals or complaints until the internal appeals and complaints processes of the public authority which is answering the request have been exhausted. You are therefore advised to complain or appeal to Head of Information Governance before contacting the Commissioner.

Yours sincerely



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