

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - School Accident/Collision

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

You asked:

- 1. Any and all records that you hold of any vehicle related incidents of children being struck, injured or fatally injured within the vicinity of any Primary or Secondary School within your remit during the last 5 years.**
- 2. We do not require any kind of personal information other than the ages of the school pupils involved at the time, which school the accident/collision was in the close vicinity of, and the approximate times and dates of the incidents.**

Our response:

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for Local Authorities is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2.5 working days in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

We estimate that it will take us in excess of 2.5 working days to determine appropriate material and locate, retrieve and extract the information in reference to your request. Therefore, your request will not be processed further.

We have worked out that each school will take in excess of 45 minutes to investigate, depending on the number of accidents at each school and the nature of these accidents. We would have to draw a polygon around each school, (in some cases the school has 2 or more entrances, on different roads, so that will mean multiple polygons). We then need to sift through the data to see whether it involves children, and also verify the time of day or year of the incident, to see how that corresponds to the academic terms and opening times of the school. On average we believe this process could take in excess of 45 minutes per school. This means that in 18 hours, we may have completed a search of approximately 20 schools which will not provide a meaningful statistic and will not answer the original request.

You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required.

Once you have refined your request, we will be able to reconsider it. If this is not received within three months your request will be considered to have lapsed. Under section 1(3) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), a public

authority need not comply with a request unless any further information reasonably required to locate the information is supplied.

The legislation allows you to use the information supplied for your own personal use. Please be aware that any commercial or other use, for example publication, sale, or redistribution may be a breach of copyright under the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 as amended unless you obtain the copyright holder's prior permission.

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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: FOIA@leicester.gov.uk

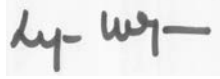
Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

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 Information Governance Manager before contacting the Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn Wyeth", is displayed on a light gray rectangular background.

Lynn Wyeth
Information Governance Manager