

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) How many fraudulent or misleading applications to primary, secondary or special schools in your local authority area have you detected in each of the last five years?
(ie. in relation to applications for children starting school in autumn 2011, 2010, 2009, 2008 and 2007. If information is not available in this form, please provide any data that you hold in relation to this issue)**
- 2) Please provide any details (with names of pupils and parents/carers withheld, if necessary) that you hold relating to the nature of the fraudulent/misleading applications made.**
- 3) Have offers of any places been subsequently withdrawn – either before or after the child takes up his/her school place – as a result of fraudulent applications being made? Again, please provide data for each of the last five years.**
- 4) Have you carried out surveillance of parents/carers suspected of making fraudulent applications over the last five years? If so, please provide details of the number of times surveillance powers have been used in each of the last five years.**
- 5) In the relation to the above, please provide any details about the nature of any surveillance operations undertaken.**
- 6) Please provide any further details relating to the council's policy on the detection of fraudulent applications and its perceived effectiveness.**

[Please find the relevant information attached.](#)

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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

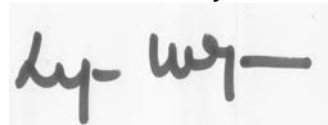
Wilmslow SK9 5AF

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Wyeth', is written on a light-colored rectangular background.

Lynn Wyeth

Head of Information Governance