

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:

I would like to request the numbers of Section 444(1) and Section 444(1a) prosecutions under the Education Act 1996 for the academic years (September-August) for 2008/2009, 2009/2010 and 2010/2011.

Section 444(1) and Section 444(1a) relate to offences due to non-school attendance of children of a compulsory school age.

For Example:

Between September 2008 to 2009 our local authority prosecuted 330 people under section 444(1) of the 1996 Education Act, and 23 people under Section 444(1a) of the 1996 Education Act.

Please could I also ask how many of the following sentences were awarded for each of the aforementioned periods.

**Community Orders (i.e. Rehabilitation Orders)
Suspended Custodial Sentences
Custodial Sentences**

The information you have asked for is as follows:

	2008/09	2009/10	2010/11
S444(1) prosecutions	213	207	364
S444(1A) prosecutions	12	7	41
Community Orders*	0	4	12
Suspended Custodial*	2	0	2
Custodial	0	0	0

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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.

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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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