

Nottinghamshire County Council's response to the National Children's Bureau Freedom of Information request on children missing education

1. How many children were recorded as missing from education¹ in the academic year 2016/2017, in your local authority?

(If possible can we have the figures for the academic year, if this is not possible then please provide the information however you hold it.)

There were 159 children and young people who were identified as CME in the academic year 2016-2017 and raised through our CME process as being potentially in need of interim educational provision.

2. Of the children recorded as missing from education during this period, how many were in receipt of free school meals, when last on a school roll?

61 were previously in receipt of Free School Meals prior to referral through our CME process- NB this figure may not accurately reflect those who would be entitled

3. Of the children recorded as missing from education during this period, how many were known to social services?

89 were known to Children's Social Care.

4. Please give any other relevant information or comments. (Please state if you would prefer if they were anonymous.)

This group of children and young people have a very high Incidence of social, emotional and mental health needs.

¹ The definition of children missing education (CME) is set out in Section 436A of the Education Act 1996 (as amended by the Education and Inspections Act 2006) as children of compulsory school age (five-16 years old) who are not registered on the school roll and not receiving a suitable education otherwise than at school.