

NCC-042535-19 Schools admission service data request

Dear Requester,

Further to your request for information under the freedom of information act, please see School admissions team responses below.

1. In year applications received by numbers of children, this includes all applications for community and voluntary controlled schools and any own admission authority school that opts into Nottinghamshire County Council's (NCC) in-year coordinated admissions round. This number will also include applications made to own admission authority schools which do not coordinate but have informed NCC of an application and its outcome. NCC do not hold this information broken down by education phase.

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| 2016-2017 | 5720 |
| 2017-2018 | 5469 |
| 2018-2019 | 5303 |
2. This information is attached (offer count spreadsheets) Applications for nursery schools are not managed by NCC, parents contact settings directly.
3. Applications are made either directly through an online portal or by phone to NCC's Customer Service Centre. A very small number are made via a paper form or email.
4. See comparative statistic PDF attached
5. See comparative statistic PDF attached
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7. See comparative statistic PDF attached
8. N/A
9. In-year applications are processed on a weekly basis, decisions can take up to 20 school days. Primary school decisions are usually processed within 2 weeks. All secondary schools in Nottinghamshire are own admission authority schools so decisions can take longer over holiday periods.
10. The team carrying out Nottinghamshire County Council's school admissions functions are also responsible for processing applications for Free School Meals. The service structure chart is attached, admissions associates are currently employed on an ad hoc basis to provide support with presenting education appeals. In addition a business support team assist in the delivery of the admissions and FSM functions, a copy of the structure chart is also attached.
11. We do not hold this information

The figures for appeals are given below. I have only included community schools where we are the admissions authority so these figures do not include academies.

14. The number of appeals lodged annually.

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| 2017 – 2018 | 469 |
| 2018 – 2019 | 419 |
| 2019 – 2020 | 331 |

15. The percentage of appeals that are successful annually. (As a percentage of those lodged.)

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| 2017 – 2018 | 24.3% |
| 2018 – 2019 | 16.94% |
| 2019 – 2020 | 15.71% |

16. The number of complaints including LGO received annually.

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| 2017 – 2018 | 20 |
| 2018 – 2019 | 7 |
| 2019 – 2020 | 5 |

We trust this now resolves your enquiry, however should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the details below.

We suggest all requesters search under our publication scheme in advance of requesting information under the freedom of information act.

Nottinghamshire County Council regularly publishes previous FOIR, s and answers on its website, under Disclosure logs. (see link)

<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

You can use the search facility using keywords.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or email complaints@nottscc.gov.uk .

Kind Regards

Complaints and Information Team
Nottinghamshire County Council
County Hall

I am reviewing the performance of ### Council's Schools Admission Service, and I am requesting information about schools admissions in other Local Authority Areas for a benchmarking exercise.

Please see the attached document for the information which we are collecting. The data requested is routinely held by Welsh local Authorities, though I appreciate that this may not be the case outside Wales. Any information you can provide will be gratefully received.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need any assistance. Any information you can provide will be gratefully received.

Thank you in advance.