

Freedom of information request NCC-032944-18

Thank you for your recent freedom of information request for the following information:

The request relates to the work of the **Independent Review Panels (IRP)** considering appeals against **permanent exclusions** within Secondary Schools and Academies (excluding special schools).

For each academic year from 2013-date I wish to request the following:

- Number of appeals considered by IRPs by reason for exclusion (using the DfE categories – see below)
- Appeal outcomes for each exclusion category, by secondary and academy establishment. The outcome data I seek is based on the DfE guidance: number **upholding** the exclusion; number **recommending reconsideration** by the governing body of which, the number of pupils offered reinstatement; number **directing reconsideration** by the governing body of which, the number of pupils offered reinstatement

To assist you, these are the permanent exclusion categories used by the DfE:

Physical assault against a pupil
Physical assault against an adult
Verbal abuse/ threatening behaviour against a pupil
Verbal abuse/ threatening behaviour against an adult
Bullying
Racist abuse
Sexual misconduct
Drug and alcohol related
Damage
Theft
Persistent disruptive behaviour
Other

Our response :

Nottinghamshire County Council "NCC" have provided our response below, please be advised that the statistics provided are for Academies who have chosen to use our appeals service, more IRP's may have taken place which did not come NCC.

2012-13

7 IRP's – all academies
4 upheld
1 quashed and direct that the governing body reconsiders reinstatement
2 recommend that the governing body reconsiders reinstatement

2013-14

3 IRP's – academies
2 upheld
1 recommend that the governing body reconsiders reinstatement

2014-2015

1 IRP – Academy
Upheld

2015-2016

1 IRP – Academy
1 recommend that the governing body reconsiders reinstatement

2016-2017

1 IRP – Academy
1 upheld

2017-18

2 IRP's – 1 Primary School/ 1 Academy
1 upheld (academy)

1 quashed and direct that the governing body reconsiders reinstatement (primary school)

I trust the above information is of assistance to you.

If you are unhappy with the way your request was dealt with and wish to make a complaint, please write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7QP or email foi@nottscc.gov.uk quoting the reference above.

With kind regards

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