

NCC-033917-18 school admissions exceptional medical or social needs

Dear Requester,

Further to your recent Freedom of information request please see below in response to your questions.

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

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Kind Regards

Dear information officer

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act about applications to schools, made under the exceptional medical or social needs admission (EMSNA) rule.

Can you please tell me:

-How many applications did you have for entry to schools this academic year (2018/19), which requested special consideration on the grounds of a child's exceptional medical or social needs. Please break down this information by primary and secondary school.

Nottinghamshire County Council is the admission authority for Community and Voluntary Controlled School.

NCC's determined admission arrangements for state

“Special consideration

Nottinghamshire County Council will consider applications for community and voluntary controlled schools where the application can be supported by written evidence from a doctor, social worker or other relevant professional stating why a particular school is the only school which could cater for the child's particular needs. The evidence must be presented at the time of application.

The appropriate designated officers will consider each case and decide the allocation of any such place on the basis of written evidence. Where it is agreed that a particular school is the only school that could meet a child's needs, the application will have priority following the allocation of looked after and previously looked after children.”

NCC received 33 on time applications for first admission to school in September 2018 (reception year group) with evidence submitted by the applicant at the time of application. NCC is not the admission authority for any secondary schools.

-How many applications on these grounds you received for each of the four preceding academic years (2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17, 2017/18)

NCC received 62 on time applications for first admission to school in September 2017 (reception year group) with evidence submitted by the applicant at the time of application. NCC does not hold information on the number of applications received in previous years.

-How many applications on these grounds were successful each year

NCC holds records of the number of applications where priority was given in the oversubscription criteria for applications in the academic year.

2018/19 school year to date – 6 on time applications for first admission to school (6 of the 33 on time applications referred to above)

2017/18

3 on time applications for first admission to school (3 of the 62 on time applications referred to above)

1 application to secondary school (information received after the application had been processed)

2 in year applications

2016/17

7 on time applications for first admission to school with evidence submitted by the applicant at the time of application

9 applications for first admission to school with evidence submitted by the applicant after the national offer day

2 in year applications

-How many applications on these grounds were declined each year

See above

-Figures for how many primary and secondary schools accepted EMSNA applicants and how many children were accepted in total. (Eg 200 successful applicants across 50 schools in 2018/19. 150 across 40 schools in 2017/18).

Information provided above for community and voluntary controlled schools (at the time of application) only,

2016/17 school year 19 agreed for 16 different schools

2017/18 school year 6 agreed for 6 different schools

2018/19 school year 6 agreed for 6 different schools

For this academic year only:

-A breakdown of the grounds and evidence given by successful applicants, (eg that their child has autism and their desired school has specialist teachers.)

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-A breakdown of the medical and/or social needs reasons given by parents whose applications were unsuccessful, (eg that their child has asthma or needs to stay in particular friendship group.)

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-Details of the school in your area accepting the highest number of EMSNA applicants: the name of the school and how many applicants it accepted.

There is not one school that had more than one place allocated in this way.

-And any other comments you would like to make on the issue

With many thanks and best wishes