NCC-048444-20 Coronavirus cases amongst school staff

Dear Requester,

Further to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act please see below.

Unfortunately, we do not hold the information to enable us to respond to this request.

Schools in Nottinghamshire are a mixture of maintained schools, academies, colleges and alternative provision (AP). Although the County Council asks maintained schools, academies, colleges and AP to notify us of relevant coronavirus cases, to reduce the reporting burden on settings, we only ask schools to notify us in situations where a bubble of pupils is being excluded as a result of a confirmed case, and not for every individual case of coronavirus. For cases which result in a bubble being excluded, we ask only for indication of number of confirmed cases in staff and pupils, not for a breakdown of the staff roles. This is because our focus is on identifying outbreaks and maintaining arrangements for education of children.

Settings are under no legal obligation to provide this information to us and not all choose to do so.

As our information is therefore not a complete record of all confirmed coronavirus cases, it could not be relied on to identify a rate of confirmed coronavirus cases amongst school staff during the weeks in question.

We suggest that NHS Test and Trace would be a more appropriate organisation to ask for this information, as occupation is recorded, although they are unlikely to be able to provide the detailed breakdowns requested.

We trust this now resolves your enquiry. Where we have not been able to provide details we expect that this information is not held by Nottinghamshire county Council at this time.

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. i.e. care / home etc.

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

Dear Nottinghamshire County Council,

Please could you provide the rate of confirmed coronavirus cases amongst school staff for each week in November and December.

I would like you to split the figures into primary, secondary and special schools if possible.

In addition, I would like you to split them into staff category: teacher, teaching assistant, support staff and auxiliary staff if possible.

Yours faithfully,