

**Reference Number:** FOI-101004515230

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**Request and response:**

- 1. The number of cases considered under Fair Access Protocols in the council for this academic year, and then the previous three before that (17-18, 16-17, 15-16)**

These data refer to 'allocated under' the Fair Access Protocol – cases 'considered under' the Protocol may not have then been processed under the Protocol (e.g. school requests consideration under the Protocol but normal admissions processes are then followed). Data for 'considered under' are not available.

2018/19 - 102

2017/18 - 116

2016/17 - 79

2015/16 - 83

- 2. The number of intentions to direct issued by the council to local schools in this academic year, and then the previous three before that (17-18, 16-17, 15-16)**

We have assumed this to mean maintained schools.

2018/19 - 2

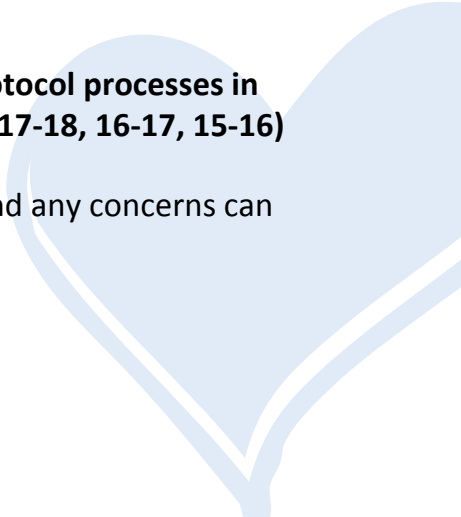
2017/18 - 1

2016/17 - 0

2015/16 - 0

- 3. How many schools failed to engage fully or at all with the protocol processes in this academic year, and then the previous three before that (17-18, 16-17, 15-16)**

Data not recorded – the majority of schools participate fully and any concerns can generally be resolved.



- 4. The number of refusals made by academies in the council area in this academic year, and then the previous three before that, and/(or) the number of directions requested of the secretary of state (17-18, 16-17, 15-16). Please also split by primary/secondary.**

We have assumed this to mean the number of refusals on grounds of behaviour – therefore see question 6 answer below.

- 5. The number of appeals to the Schools Adjudicator made by governing bodies of maintained schools in this academic year, and then the previous three before that (17-18, 16-17, 15-16). Please also split by primary/secondary.**

0 across all years

- 6. The number of schools that refused a request based on 3.12 of the Code, which states: a ‘governing body does not wish to admit a child with challenging behaviour outside the normal admissions round, even though places are available, it must refer the case to the local authority for action under the Fair Access Protocol. This will normally only be appropriate where a school has a particularly high proportion of children with challenging behaviour or previously excluded children’, Please provide this information for this academic year, and then the previous three before that (17-18, 16-17, 15-16)**

NB:

- schools may not have explicitly refused a place – they may just have requested that the application goes through Fair Access
- it does not imply that the application was subsequently processed under Fair Access

2018/19 – 21 (12 academy, 9 maintained) all secondary

2017/18 – 13 (8 academy, 5 maintained) all secondary

2016/17 – Not recorded

2015/16 – Not recorded





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**7. How many children failed to secure a school place after a referral to the fair access panel in this academic year, and then the previous three before that (17-18, 16-17, 15-16). Please also split by primary/secondary.**

NB:

- Fair Access Panels are only in operation for secondary placements
- These data relate to children unplaced at a Panel meeting – they may subsequently have been placed outside the panel or at a subsequent panel. Children may appear more than once within the data.
- In most cases the children remain unplaced at a MAINSTREAM school – most cases considered by the Panel are for children on roll at an APA – i.e. they have an education placement.

2018/19 - 16

2017/18 - 22

2016/17 - 4

2015/16 - 6

**8. I would like details on the length of time it took to negotiate the admission of some children. Please could you provide the average length of time from referral to a child entering their new school. Failing this, please could you provide the longest time it took for a child to enter a new school after a referral? (for this academic year, and the previous three). Please also split by primary/secondary.**

Data not held.

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