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Request:

2018 (Jan-30 June)

1a) How many applications for child work permits have you received so far in 2018 (1 Jan-30 June)?

1b) How many of these applications have been approved?

1c) How many of these applications have been declined?

Previous years

2a) How many applications for child work permits did you receive in 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013 (full calendar year)?

2b) In each of these years (2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013) how many applications were approved?

2c) In each of these years (2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, and 2013) how many applications were declined?

Child workforce

3a) In your area, how many children under the age of 16 currently have permission to work?

3b) Please provide a % breakdown by age (i.e. 13,14,15,16) if possible

If possible within the time restriction, please also answer the following questions:

4) What were the top three reasons applications for child work permits were declined in 2017 and 2018 (1 January 2017-30 June 2018)?

5a) Based on child work permits approved in 2017 and 2018 (1 January 2017-30 June 2018), what is the average number of hours worked by 13-year-olds in your area?

5b) Based on child work permits approved in 2017 and 2018 (1 January 2017-30 June 2018), what is the average number of hours worked by 14-year-olds in your area?

5c) Based on child work permits approved in 2017 and 2018 (1 January 2017-30 June 2018), what is the average number of hours worked by 15-year-olds in your area?

5d) Based on child work permits approved in 2017 and 2018 (1 January 2017-30 June 2018), what is the average number of hours worked by 16-year-olds in your area?

6) How many children aged between 13 and 16 years old are currently approved to work in each of the following jobs:

- a. Delivery of newspapers, journals or other printed materials
- b. Agriculture or horticultural work
- c. In shops, including shelf stacking
- d. In hairdressing salons
- e. In office work
- f. Car washing by hand
- g. In cafes or restaurants
- h. In riding stables
- i. In domestic work in hotels and other establishments offering accommodation

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 19th July 2018.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to child work permits.

Please note that in Northern Ireland district councils are not responsible for the provision of child work permits. Please contact the Northern Ireland Education Authority who should be able to help you with your request.

The Children in Entertainment and Employment Team (CEET) is based at:
Education Authority
Dundonald Office
Grahamsbridge Road,
Dundonald,
BT16 2HS

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/182/1819 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.