

FOI Reference Number: FOI/365/1819

Date: 07/11/2018

Request:

Dear foi officer,

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following.

How many racist incidents have been reported in schools in your local authority area for the past five years (2014,2015,2016,2017 and 2018 so far)? Please break this down by year and say whether the incident occurred in a) primary or b) secondary schools.

Please also say whether the person committing the offence was a) teacher or b) pupil and whether the racism was against a) teacher or b) pupil. I would also be grateful if you could say the age and gender of the people involved if possible without breaching data protection rules.

- How many racist incidents reported in the last five years in schools resulted in action being taken by the school against the perpetrator (eg exclusion/ disciplinary action)? Please break this down by year and say what action was taken.

I would be grateful if you could provide this information in cvs format.

Please can you get back to me if you require any clarification.

All the best

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 05/11/2018.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to racist incidents that have been reported in schools.

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

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/365/1819 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.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/>.

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