

From: Freedom of Information Requests
Sent: 13 May 2025 16:51
To:
Subject: FOI Response -

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 17 April 2025 for information about home education safeguarding. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

Could you please supply me with the following information concerning the responsibility of local authorities for home education from the 'Safeguarding children in Elective Home Education report' from the Child Safeguarding Practice Review Panel as outlined below.

1. How many formal notices from the City of Doncaster Council for the issue of a School Attendance Order under section 437 of the Education Act 1996 have been sent to parents in the last four years, from the 17th April 2021 to the 17th April 2025, breaking it down year by year.

Response:

17th April 2021 - 17th April 2022 - Due to Covid and restrictions, we don't hold any data for this period.

17th April 2022 - 17th April 2023 - 31

17th April 2023 - 17th April 2024 - 45

17th April 2024 - 17th April 2025 - 14

2. How many enquiries about a child's safety and welfare where there are reasonable grounds to suspect that they are suffering or likely to suffer significant harm (section 47 Children Act 1986 / Working Together to Safeguard Children 2023) have been sent by the City of Doncaster Council to parents in the last four years, from the 17th April 2021 to the 17th April 2025, breaking it down year by year.

Response: Zero

I hope that this information is useful to you.

The City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £49 to respond to this request for information.

Reviewing any decisions made:

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Yours faithfully,

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