

**From:** Freedom of Information Requests  
**Sent:** Monday, August 5, 2024 12:30 PM  
**To:**  
**Subject:** FOI Response

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 23 July 2024 for information about School Attendance Prosecution. Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

### **Request**

1. How many prosecutions have been brought by the council in relation to school attendance since January 1, 2024?
2. Which magistrates court dealt with the case on each occasion?
3. On which dates were cases dealt with?
4. For each case, what was the outcome?
5. Were cases dealt with through the Single Justice Procedure? If so, please be clear which ones.
6. What are the names of the defendants in each prosecution brought by the council in that timeframe?

### **Response**

Notice under Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 - REFUSAL TO DISCLOSE INFORMATION

### **Decision:**

After carefully considering your request for information the Council has decided that to respond to your request would exceed the appropriate limit as defined in the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

### **Basis for decision:**

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act allows for a request for information to be refused where the cost of supplying this information exceeds the appropriate limit. After carefully considering your request for information the Council has decided that to respond to your request would exceed the appropriate limit as defined in the [Freedom of Information \(Appropriate Limit and Fees\) Regulations 2004](#). The regulations allow a request for information to be refused where the cost of supplying this information exceeds £450 (or 18 hours of officer time).

### **Why does the exemption apply in this case?**

The cost limit applies in this case because the City of Doncaster Council does not hold a central record of this information, therefore in order to determine this information a total of 180 cases will need to be reviewed. It is estimated that each case will require a 20 minute investigation. As details of 180 cases require review in order to determine this information this would result in a total time of approximately 60 hours which would exceed the time limit.

In order for us to reconsider your request we ask that you make your request more specific by narrowing down the scope of your request, for example shortening the time period.

### **Reviewing any decisions made:**

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email [FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk)

If you do not agree with the review decision you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision about our compliance or otherwise with the Freedom of Information legislation. Contact details for the ICO are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk) Telephone 0303 123 1113.

**Many thanks**

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