

Freedom of Information – Response – 27627

I would like to make a freedom of information request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I would like to request data on managed moves involving pupils within your area. Please provide the following:

- 1. Annual totals — the number of managed moves recorded in each academic year 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25, and 2025/26 (to date)*
- 2. Definition used — the operational definition your authority uses for “managed move”.*
- 3. Recording method — whether managed moves are logged centrally, by schools, or via another mechanism*
- 4. Inclusions/exclusions — e.g., voluntary transfers, mid-year admissions, Fair Access placements.*
- 5. Breakdown by phase — primary/secondary*

Suffolk County Council (SCC) can confirm that this information is held however, it is being withheld under s.12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA.) s.12 allows a public authority to refuse a request where it is estimated that complying with it would exceed the appropriate limit (£450 calculated at 18 hours of staff time charged at £25 per hour.)

Whilst SCC can confirm that we do hold the information you have requested, it is held over multiple case files and would involve an individual staff member to manual trawl individual case files to locate and extract the relevant information.

Advice and Assistance

Whilst SCC cannot respond in full to your request we can provide you with information to answer questions 1, 2, 3 and 5. Please let us know if you would like to receive this information and we will begin preparing this for you.