

East Lothian Council

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I am looking to request information under the FOI act relating to youth anti-social behaviour in Haddington & actions taken. Also the youth shelter in Musselburgh around 5 years ago - the effect this had on the anti-social behaviour and the reason that it was removed.

The information I am looking for relates to a youth build in Musselburgh around 5-8 years ago and the reasons behind its removal.

East Lothian Council (ELC) has no record of a youth shelter being built, or removed, in Musselburgh, during this timeframe. ELC's Principal Amenity Officer does, however, recall a youth shelter having been constructed in The Haugh Park, Musselburgh in the early part of the 2000s as part of a multi-use games area. Unfortunately the shelter, as it was in a fairly remote and secluded place was set on fire, damaged beyond repair and had to be removed.

It may help to explain that Freedom of Information legislation only applies to information which is held or recorded by a public authority. In view of this, under Section 17(1)(b) of the Act, I must formally advise you that ELC has been unable to fully comply with this part of your request as the information you require is not held.

Also the states over the past 10 years in youth anti-social behaviour in Haddington.

Please refer to Appendix I overleaf for a list of youth related antisocial behaviour calls made to ELC since 2007.

Regarding actions taken, ELC's Safer Communities Team have advised that a number of interventions have been taken against individuals who have been caught behaving antisocially within the town. These interventions have been taken in accordance with East Lothian Council's Antisocial Behaviour Policy and under the auspices of a Problem Solving Partnership (PSP) that was set up specifically to deal with the youth related antisocial behaviour evidenced in the town; the proposal to erect a youth shelter emanated from this PSP.

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Appendix I

Youth Related ASB – Haddington

YEAR	TOTAL CALLS
2007 (July – Dec)	2
2008	27
2009	24
2010	30
2011	58
2012	23
2013	67
2014	39
2015	28
2016	45
2017	31
2018 (Jan – to present date)	3