

East Lothian Council

FOI Ref: 2018/515452

1. How much was spent on physical disability accessibility on a) primary school campuses and b) secondary school campuses for the educational years 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18.

2. What percentage of the total spending for a) primary school campuses and b) secondary school campuses was the money which was spent on improving disabled access for the educational years 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 and 2017/18.

Q1a) Primary Schools:

- 2014/15 £45,511.73
- 2015/16 £13,647.91
- 2016/17 £62,292.08
- 2017/18 £19,161.24

Q2a) Primary Schools:

- 2014/15 5%
- 2015/16 1.5%
- 2016/17 6.9%
- 2017/18 2.1%

East Lothian Council (ELC) would qualify Q2a) as follows:

- The percentage is based on our Property Renewals Capital Budget which is approx. £900,000 per annum.
- In addition, the Property Renewals Budget is for all Public Buildings (including Primary Schools) which is approx £900,000 per annum.
- We have not included for works that have an indirect impact on accessibility. For example Fire Risk Works may include replacement of internal fire doors. Where this is the case fire doors would be designed and installed to ensure they are DDA compliant in terms of BS8300.

Qs 1b) and 2b) Secondary Schools:

Secondary schools are part of ELC's PPP Estate and are managed on our behalf by FES Ltd. We have made enquiries with FES Ltd, however, we have been advised that there is no information available for spending on DDA works on the PPP Estate. All Property maintenance expenditure for the Secondary School Estate is through the monthly unitary charge for the PPP Contract and is not split into separate categories of expenditure.

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We do, however, have some details of secondary schools with adaptations that were not covered under the PPP agreement and were carried out to meet individual pupils accessibility needs. We can provide the spend, however, percentages are not held.

Academic Year

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| 2014/15 | £0 |
| 2015/16 | £910 |
| 2016/17 | £8,328 |
| 2017/18 | £11,789 |

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 your request as not all of the information you require is held.