

East Lothian Council

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2018 (Jan-30 June)

1a) How many applications for child work permits have you received so far in 2018 (1 Jan-30 June)?

Academic Session 17/18 = 11

1b) How many of these applications have been approved?

All

1c) How many of these applications have been declined?

None

Previous years

2a) How many applications for child work permits did you receive in 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013 (full calendar year)?

Academic Session 16/17 = 5

Academic Session 15/16 = 8

Academic Session 14/15 = 6

Academic Session 13/14 = 2

2b) In each of these years (2017, 2016, 2015, 2014 and 2013) how many applications were approved?

All

2c) In each of these years (2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, and 2013) how many applications were declined?

None

Child workforce

3a) In your area, how many children under the age of 16 currently have permission to work?

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3b) Please provide a % breakdown by age (i.e. 13,14,15,16) if possible

East Lothian Council (ELC) does not record this information*.

If possible within the time restriction, please also answer the following questions:

4) What were the top three reasons applications for child work permits were declined in 2017 and 2018 (1 January 2017-30 June 2018)?

Not applicable

5a) Based on child work permits approved in 2017 and 2018 (1 January 2017-30 June 2018), what is the average number of hours worked by 13-year-olds in your area?

ELC does not record this information*.

5b) Based on child work permits approved in 2017 and 2018 (1 January 2017-30 June 2018), what is the average number of hours worked by 14-year-olds in your area?

ELC does not record this information*.

5c) Based on child work permits approved in 2017 and 2018 (1 January 2017-30 June 2018), what is the average number of hours worked by 15-year-olds in your area?

ELC does not record this information*.

5d) Based on child work permits approved in 2017 and 2018 (1 January 2017-30 June 2018), what is the average number of hours worked by 16-year-olds in your area?

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6) How many children aged between 13 and 16 years old are currently approved to work in each of the following jobs:

- a. Delivery of newspapers, journals or other printed materials**
- b. Agriculture or horticultural work**
- c. In shops, including shelf stacking**
- d. In hairdressing salons**
- e. In office work**
- f. Car washing by hand**
- g. In cafes or restaurants**
- h. In riding stables**
- i. In domestic work in hotels and other establishments offering accommodation**

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*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 comply with those parts of your request marked * as the information you require is not held.