

Dear Applicant

Re: Your Freedom of Information Request dated 23 June 2022. Our Reference FOI 8992

I write further to your recent request for information which the Education Authority received on 23 June 2022 for information relating to:

I would be grateful if you could supply me with statistics for the number of Polish speaking children in schools in Northern Ireland, listed, if possible, with a breakdown in counties or education authorities, as recorded in January 2017.

Please see our response below:

Northern Ireland is a single education authority and we do not hold disaggregated data by country. Polish is the largest of the minority languages in schools in Northern Ireland. The latest school census in October 2017 recorded the following:

- 6,671 pupils have Polish recorded as their native language
- 4,544 pupils are in primary school
- 2,041 pupils are post-primary school
- 86 pupils are placed in special schools

If you are dissatisfied with any aspect of this response or the way we have handled your request, you have the right to complain, within 40 working days of the date of this response, by writing directly to:

Information Governance Unit (IG)
Education Authority
40 Academy Street
Belfast BT1 2NQ Or by emailing: infogov@eani.org.uk

In that event we will conduct an internal review of our response, the outcome of which you will be notified of upon conclusion of the internal review.

If, after conclusion of the internal review process, you are dissatisfied with the outcome of your complaint, you have the right to complain further to the Information Commissioner's Office at the address below:

The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF Tel: 01 625 54 57 45/0303 123 1113, website: www.ico.org.uk

Please be aware that the Information Commissioner will be unlikely to make a decision until you have been through our internal complaints procedure first.

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The EA uses your personal information such as name and email address in order to comply with our legal obligations to respond to your FOI request. For further information on how and why EA collects and processes your personal information please see the detailed Privacy Notices on our website <https://www.eani.org.uk/about-us/privacy/ea-privacy-notices>.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss your request further. I may be contacted using the details provided below. Please quote reference number FOI8992 in all communications to help us to deal with them more promptly.

Yours sincerely

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