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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
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Thank you for your request for information relating to pupil managed moves and negotiated transfers.

You have requested the following information:

1. In your area, are pupil managed moves or other negotiated transfers brokered by the in-year fair access panel (or equivalent) or by schools / head teachers?

The Local Authority oversees the Supported Transfer process.

Supported Transfers and Fair Access Protocol are separate processes. (Supported Transfers is the local authority's terminology for the equivalent of Managed Moves).

The Supported Transfer process for Coventry secondary schools is designed to ensure that pupils who are at risk of permanent exclusion are offered a transfer to a new school. It is hoped the outcome of a Supported Transfer would result in the pupil successfully transferring permanently to a new school.

It is acknowledged that schools will be approached outside of this Protocol to accept pupils via the SEND process, through the FAP protocol and in-year admissions.

The local authority (LA) proactively supports all schools in working together to avoid permanent exclusions. If a Supported Transfer is not an option, then alternative provision may be considered.

This process applies to all secondary schools and refers to those Supported Transfers that have been agreed between schools, the local authority and parents.

Please see the below link to the Supported Transfer process:

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/file/27055/supported_transfer_protocol

2. If managed moves / negotiated transfers are brokered by head teachers or equivalent themselves, do they report these moves to the fair access panel or equivalent?

The local authority (LA) proactively supports all schools in working together to avoid permanent exclusion. The Supported Transfer Protocol in Coventry seeks to improve existing practice and recognises that early intervention and support can bring the longer-term benefits of maintaining school placements or act as an early indicator for more specialist provision.

In some cases, a supported transfer may be deemed appropriate for a pupil for whom there are continuing issues with their behaviour that could put them at risk of permanent exclusion. A school initiates the transfer for a pupil at the point of permanent exclusion. Supported transfers should only be carried out with the full knowledge and co-operation of all parties, including the parents, the LA and any other relevant professionals, and when all available strategies have been explored. These are reviewed and discussed at monthly ST panels with Headteachers and representatives from the LA education service.

3. How many successful managed moves / negotiated transfers occurred in the 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17 academic years?

4. How many unsuccessful managed moves / negotiated transfers occurred in the 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17 academic years?

5. What were the outcomes for the pupils who experienced unsuccessful managed moves / negotiated transfers? Please specify the number in each category.

- a) return to home school**
- b) permanent exclusion**
- c) another managed move or negotiated transfer**
- d) other (please specify)**

For Questions 3 to 5, we can confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. The Supported Transfer protocol was not in place for the years mentioned above.

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Yours faithfully

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