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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI633595589**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Local authority-maintained school internal audits.

You have requested the following information:

**1. The number of schools that haven't been audited since January 1, 2019**

There are 14 schools which have not been audited since January 2019 (either a full school audit or focused checks as part of a thematic audit).

**2. Of these schools, the name of the school(s) with the longest wait since its last internal audit. I would like you to also state the year in which the school(s) was last audited**

The name of the school with the longest wait is Cannon Park Primary School. This School was last audited in 2012.

**3. Does the council publish the findings from its audit reports in the public domain? If so, it would be appreciated if you could state whether the council names schools, how they are published and provide me with any relevant links.**

Summary findings are published in some circumstances. Where this happens, the name of the school is included. Information is published through reports to the Council's Audit and Procurement Committee (Internal Audit progress reports / Annual Internal Audit report.)

See link below:

**4. The number of council investigations launched on the back of local authority-maintained school internal audit reports, along with information on what the investigation centred on, the year(s) the probe took place and a copy of the investigation report.**

Nil.

**5. Council guidance outlining how often, when and why internal audits are carried out**

From 2024/25 onwards, the Council's strategy is for each LA School to be audited at least once every five years and the Internal Audit Service are working towards implementing this. This has replaced the previous risk-based approach. School audits are carried out throughout the course of each financial year. The objective of a school audit is to provide assurance that there is adequate governance over the school's financial management, value for money is obtained, and the school has appropriate internal controls which minimise the risk of fraud, error or loss.

**If any of the information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs if necessary.**

**Clarification:**

**The internal audits I'm referring to in my request are internal financial audits.**

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