

***1. Total number of cases that have been taken to Judicial Review over the past 10 years.***

The Council has 105 cases categorised as judicial review going back to 2012 – in accordance with our retention policies, we do not have records going back further than 7 years. These cases include judicial review pre-action protocol correspondence and therefore they will not all be issued judicial review proceedings.

***2. What was the outcome of each case i.e. who won the case in relation to No.1 above.***

The Council does not hold the information in the format requested and does not have a system for recording the outcome of the cases. The only way of identifying this would be to look at each case individually. In addition, there is no clarification on what is meant by “who won the case”. Many cases do not go to a final hearing and even those that do, some grounds may be upheld and others dismissed, therefore any outcome is not categorised as a win or loss.

***3. In each instance of Judicial Review (No.1 above), please state the department within the Council against which the Judicial Review was taken.***

The Council has 9 cases recorded against Adult Social Care, 42 against Children’s Social Care, 1 in relation to a school and 53 against a general (JR) categorisation.

The time involved in identifying which cases were issued and which were resolved at pre-action stage, identifying the outcome of each case and identifying which department was involved in the 53 cases categorised as general would exceed the appropriate limit as it would require a manual check of the contents of each case. Some matters will be electronic but others are paper files and closed paper file are stored off-site. Once a case is identified and located, a conservative estimate of 30 minutes perusal would exceed the appropriate limit.