

CCEA Disclosure Log - Freedom of Information - Requests for Information from January 2008 – Dec 2008

- Scores or marks for individuals are personal information and are dealt with under the Data Protection Act.
- Some Transfer Tests queries can be referred to the CCEA web site under 'Transfer Test' and 'Frequently Asked Questions' which includes the current grade boundaries.

* Available to individuals on request

	Release Date & Ref No.	Nature of information requested	Response information released
1	Feb 2008 2008/001F	Information on examiners/moderators	Information disclosed
2	Feb 2008 2008/003F	<p>Information on the Early Years Enriched Curriculum Project and the Pupil Profile: the data for year 4 year 5 and any subsequent data gathered as part of the CCEA sponsored EYEC project; authorship(s) of each portion of the reports; copies of all correspondence, including electronic mail, letter, note and facsimile, between and among CCEA, the Department of Education (N.I.), CCEA Council, CCEA Curriculum Sub Committee or other committee, QUB School of Psychology, QUB School of Education, Stranmillis College, Belfast Education & Library Board; provide the data for year 4 year 5 and any subsequent data gathered as part of the CCEA sponsored EYEC project carried out in schools (i.e. all Shankill and Control EC schools); copy of all correspondence between the CCEA and QUB on the 5th year report and any subsequent revisions, changes or amendments</p> <p>Referring to CCEA Council minutes of March 28th, 2007 indicate the extent and detail of concerns expressed over the Pupil Profile and provide copies of the documents circulated by Mr Hanna intended "to give a clear steer" to the C&A committee; provide a total costing for the EYEC project broken</p>	<p>Partial disclosure. Some information not held. Some exemptions applied – s. 40 Personal information, s.41 Information provided in confidence, s.43 Commercial interests and s.36 Prejudice to the effective conduct of public affairs.</p>

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		down by each year to date; provide an estimation of future cost; provide a list of total of payments (or payments in kind) made to the QUB School of Psychology; provide a list of the amount of payment made to individual contributors	
3	Feb 2008 2008/004F	The minutes of a meeting between the Acting Chief Executive and Chairman of CCEA with the Chief Executive designate of the ESA.	Refused as requested information was not held – no minutes or notes were taken.
4	Feb 2008 2008/013F	The number of children broken down by gender for children who sat the Transfer Test in each of the last five years.	Information disclosed
5	Feb 2008 2008/017F	A copy of the document titled "A Report on the Pathways Proposals unpublished 2003 by White J et al (unpublished), the amount paid for the report, the terms of reference and a list of CCEA unpublished works.	Clarification requested on the list of unpublished works. Remaining information disclosed.
6	March 2008 2008/046F	The formula used to calculate the Transfer Test grades and the percentage of pupils awarded each grade	Information disclosed
7	March 2008 2008/044F	The Transfer Test results for Belfast primary schools for the last ten years	CCEA holds results for the last seven years - barnardised information disclosed
8	March 2008 2008/057F	<p>Data on how many scripts were remarked at A level in the most recent year for which there are figures in the following subjects: English Literature, French, History, Politics, Maths, Physics and how many of those remarks led to a change in the grade, and how many pupils sat the subject in total.</p> <p>Data on how many scripts were remarked at GCSE in the most recent year in the following subjects: English Literature, French, History, Maths, Physics and how many of these remarks led to a change in grade and how many pupils sat the subject in total.</p>	Partial disclosure – s. 43 Commercial interest exemption applied.

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9	March 2008 2008/086F	Product name and name of successful company for provision of software.	Information disclosed
10	March 2008 2008/095F	A breakdown of Transfer Tests results for schools in the Lisburn area for 2006 and 2007	Barnardised information disclosed
11	April 2008 2008/128F	Details and copies of all communication from Lumen Christi Grammar School on the subject of the school's decision to introduce its own academic aptitude test in 2009.	Information not held – no correspondence found.
12	July 2008 2008/149F	Key Stage 3 Pupil profile, including information relating to discussion, research and evaluation of Key Stage 3 computer-based assessments. Nature of information: All formal and informal correspondence/discussions (1 November 2007 to 31 May 2008) both verbal and written including details of discussions and meetings (invites, requests, agendas, attendees, notes, minutes and action points), telephone calls, e-mail and text messages between all or any of the following: The Chief Executive's office; CCEA officers in the following business units/teams - Curriculum and Assessment, Pupil Profile, Research and Statistics; CCEA council and Curriculum and Assessment members; External stakeholders and individuals.	Information disclosed
13	June 2008 2008/150F – 2008/154F	Copies of the minutes from the CCEA Remuneration Committee from April 2004 to date.	Information not held – outputs of the committee are authorisations for payment
14	July 2008 2008/163F	Does the revised curriculum in primary schools cover the same elements of English and Mathematics as were covered under the old curriculum by the time pupils sat their 11 plus examination.	Partial disclosure, some information already accessible by other means.

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15	July 2008 2008/161F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of IT staff employed by your organisation (definition: those staff spending 50% or more of their time using IT skills & knowledge); • The annual IT capital expenditure budget for 2008-09 (to purchase new applications, hardware, software, etc); • The annual IT revenue budget (for support, maintenance, licensing etc) for 2008-09; • Details of any existing internal or external IT governance structures (i.e. IT Steering Committees) used by your organisation; and • Information on your IS/IT Strategy (please note I do not require a copy), but would like to know: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When it was published; ○ When is it due for review; ○ Was it approved by your Board; and ○ Was this created by staff, or did you engage consultants. 	Information disclosed.
16	Sept 2008 2008/168F	Please indicate when the last comparability study was performed on CCEA's examination products	Information disclosed.
17	Sept 2008 2008/169F	Information requested on the Access to Scripts service and on probability of the provision of detailed results information for an examination centre from 1988 and 1990.	Information disclosed
18	October 2008	A table listing the entries for the 2007 Transfer Test by primary School; A table listing the number of pupils per grade for each school; Information on the statistical procedure marks which were allocated to A and B1 grades.	Barnardised information disclosed; information on marks allocated to A and B1 grades not provided as these are not held.

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19	Sept 2008 2008/174F	Fully explain why minutes from Council minutes for the whole of 2008 are not available on the CCEA website. Please also explain why minutes of Council meeting routinely take at least three months to appear on the website.	Information disclosed
20	Sept 2008 2008/176F	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The numbers who will sit the transfer test in November 2008 and the numbers who have opted out. o Also similar figures for the past 3 years. 	Information disclosed
21	October 2008 1008/178F	Please confirm that: The statutory requirements of the out-going curriculum for English and Mathematics are contained within the 'Northern Ireland Curriculum (Key Stages 1 and 2).	Information disclosed
22	Nov 2008 2008/175F	Request for the e-mail server and backup server logs of CCEA for the period August 1 - August 14, 2008	Partial disclosure. Some information withheld under s. 40 Personal information exemption.
23	Nov 2008 2008/180F	How many pupils sat for the transfer test in 2007? How many have got Grade A, B1 and B2.	Information disclosed
24	Nov 2008 1008/181F	All relevant information relating to what will happen in the transfer procedure in 2009, including timescales of when definite decisions will be made.	Information disclosed regarding test. Requester referred to Department of Education for timescales.
25	Oct 2008 2008/182F	The grade boundaries for the 2005/06 Transfer Test Procedure and also the grade boundaries for the years 2001; 2002; 2003; 2004 2006; and 2007. In addition, please provide the numbers of children awarded each grade (A through to D) in each of those years 2001 to 2007.	Information disclosed

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26	Nov 2008 2008/183F	ICT provision within CCEA	Information disclosed
27	Nov 2008 2008/184F	A copy of any correspondence from the Minister for Education or the DENI tasking CCEA for the production/commissioning of a "Test(s)" to be made available to pupils in P6/7. Please also provide a copy of the specification of any such tests.	Partial disclosure. Exemption applied (s. 22 Intended for future publication)
28	Nov 2008 2008/185F	Request for information on the submission of ICAA specifications to Ofqual.	Information disclosed
29	Nov 2008 2008/186F	<p>CCEA's use of page 57 of the JCQ "Access Arrangements, Reasonable adjustments and special consideration":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In relation to awarding 5% extra marks, does CCEA have a strict definition of a "very recent death of a member of the immediate family"? If so, what is that definition? If not, how does CCEA go about deciding individual cases? ○ In relation to awarding 5% extra marks, does CCEA have a strict definition of a "very serious and disruptive domestic crisis leading to acute anxiety about the family"? If so, what is that definition? If not, how does CCEA go about deciding individual cases? ○ In relation to awarding 4% extra marks, does CCEA have a strict definition of "major surgery at or near the time of the examination"? If so, what is that definition? If not, how does CCEA go about deciding individual cases? 	Information disclosed

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30	Nov 2008 2008/187F	Information on the transfer test to be set by CCEA to replace the 11+. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Is it possible to have a specification for the test? ○ May I have a copy of sample questions? ○ What subjects will be tested by the test? ○ When will the test be ready? ○ How many testing sessions will there be and of what duration? ○ What measures will be taken to ensure that the test is fit for purpose? 	Partial disclosure. Exemption applied (s. 22 Intended for future publication)
31	Dec 2008 2008/188F	Copy of a letter sent to a post-primary school in relation to the conduct of examinations.	Request refused (Exemption applied s. 36 Prejudice to the effective conduct of public affairs)
32	Dec 2008 2008/192F	I wish to request information based on your last 2 financial years for CCEA. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The amount spent on Car and Van hire. ○ The amount spent on Taxi fares. ○ The amount reimbursed to employees using their own cars for business use and at what rate you reimburse. ○ The government contract used when deciding who to use for taxi or car hire. 	Partial disclosure. Some refused on the grounds of cost.
33	Dec 2008 2008/193F	The arrangements for transfer to post-primary education for the current P 6 year group?	Information disclosed