



EIR 2018-014

6th July 2018

REQUEST UNDER ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2004

I refer to your request for information, received by email on 04th June 2018, and your subsequent clarification received on 14th June 2018. The information you have requested is environmental information, as defined in Regulation 2 of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIRs). The Park Authority has an obligation to deal with your request under the EIRs and an option to also deal with your request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA), unless the public interest lies in dealing with your request solely under the EIRs. We consider that the public interest in dealing with your request solely under the EIRs outweighs the public interest in also dealing with your request under FOISA, on the basis that the public interest is not served by duplicating consideration of your request under both regimes. We have therefore applied the exemption in section 39(2) of FOISA and dealt with your request under the EIRs alone.

Your specific requests and the response from the National Park Authority are provided below.

Of the 828 warnings issued in 2017, how many were issued to young people under the ages of 16, 18 and 21 broken down by those age categories

I was asking for under 16, 17-18, 19-21 (and if provided with this information it would enable me or anyone else to work out the second option you have given of under 16, all under 18 and all under 21).

Number of warnings issued in 2017 to persons aged under 16 - zero

Number of warnings issued in 2017 to persons aged 17-18 - 9

Number of warnings issued in 2017 to persons aged 19-21 - 56

Subsequent to asking this question however I see a reference in the Board Papers to the number of children camping in camping management zones with a permit. It would be

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very helpful if you could confirm in your response whether when the LLTNPA refers to children and camping whether this refers to people under 16?

We class people who are under the age of 16 as children.

Does the LLTNPA now have any further written advice for staff about the warning system apart from the procedures referred to in previous information responses? If so, please provide this?

What I am therefore asking is a simple question about whether there have been ANY new or supplementary procedures introduced since April 2017 and ANY new written information given out to staff since 6th March 2018.

There have been no new or supplementary procedures introduced since April 2017 and no further written information given out to staff about the issuing of warnings since 6th March 2018. Accordingly I have to advise under Regulation 10(4)(a) of the EIRs that this information is not held.

does the LLTNPA now provide any written guidance for staff about issuing warnings to Young People under the byelaws?

The Park Authority does not provide written guidance to staff about issuing warnings to young people under the byelaws. Accordingly I have to advise under Regulation 10(4)(a) of the EIRs that this information is not held.

Yours sincerely

Governance & Legal Team
Loch Lomond & The Trossachs National Park Authority

Review Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with this decision, or the way in which the Authority has dealt with your request, you are entitled to require the Authority to review its decision. Please note that in order for a review to take place you are required to:

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- Submit your review request within 40 working days of either the date on which you received a response from the Authority or the date by which you should have received a response under the terms of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, whichever is the later.
- address your review request to:

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The review will be handled by staff who were not involved in the original decision. You will receive notice of the result of your review within 20 working days.

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