

## Freedom of Information Request

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### Information Requested:

Can you please let me know how many schools in Essex have now been told that they will no longer be receiving their pre-booked staff flu vaccines under the Freedom of Information Act?

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### Response:

The Trust has an NHS E Contract to deliver the Childhood Flu programme to all schools. Education staff are not in themselves a priority group and as orders were placed back in February for this service, the Trust was not aware that there was going to be an unprecedented levels of requests for the vaccines.

The Trusts supply ran out and despite all best efforts it was not able to get any more as they were not a priority group. The Trust therefore was forced to write to the Schools and notify them that it was unlikely to be able to fulfil the order.

The Trust can confirm that 178 Schools were written to.

The Trust however commenced a programme to return to Schools and will have contacted all within the next couple of days to confirm arrangements

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