

FOI Reference Number: FOI/080/2425

Date: 22 May 2024

Thank you for your information request received by the Policy team at Mid and East Antrim Borough Council (MEABC) on 30th April 2024 which has been processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your request:

'Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request details of registered/licensed tattoo parlours.

Northern Ireland councils are responsible for the licensing/registration of businesses that offer tattooing:

<https://www.gov.uk/find-licences/tattooists-piercing-and-electrolysis-licence-northern-ireland>

Please disclose the following for each year from 2014 to 2023:

- 1. The number of people who were licensed/registered to offer tattooing services.*
- 2. The number of business premises which were licensed/registered to offer tattooing services.*
- 3. The total number of persons on the register for tattoo services at the end of each year.*
- 4. The total number of businesses on the register for tattoo services at the end of each year.'*

Our response:

This information is regarded as *held* for the purposes of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please see the table attached to this response as Appendix 1.

Please note, MEABC was formed on 1st April 2015, the information provided is as from that date.

Please quote the reference number FOI/080/2425 on any related communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within forty working days of the date of receipt of the response to your original

email/letter, and should be sent by email to FOI@midandeantrim.gov.uk or by post to:

Policy Team,
The Braid,
1-29 Bridge Street,
Ballymena,
BT43 5EJ.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. You must make your complaint to the ICO within 40 working days of you receiving your response or the date of your last contact with the Council.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire,
SK9 5AF.

Alternatively, a complaint may be made via the ICO website at:

<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint>

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at:

<https://www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/>

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.

Appendix 1

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
The number of people who were licensed/registered to offer tattooing services?	2	3	2	1	2	3	2	3	6
The number of business premises which were licensed/registered to offer tattooing services?	2	3	2	1	2	3	2	3	5
The total number of persons on the register for tattoo services at the end of each year?	10	12	14	11	12	14	16	16	18
The total number of businesses on the register for tattoo services at the end of each year?	10	12	14	11	12	14	16	16	17