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Dear

Freedom of Information Request 16 2019

Thank you for contacting CITB requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Your email, dated 27 July 2019, asked for the following information

- Information as to how many trainees trained in CITB centres in the last year in bricklaying please.

How much did that training cost?

How many gained qualifications?

How many left before course was completed?

What is the average cost to gain an NVQ level2 in Brickwork to CITB?

How many woman trainee bricklayers attended CITB funded centres?

My response is as follows:

- We have for the purposes of this request defined "CITB Centres" as National Construction College centres which are located in Bircham Newton, Inchinnan, Birmingham and Erith. CITB does not carry out Bricklaying Training at these Training Centres, we therefore cannot provide answers to any of the questions you asked as we do not hold the information.

In the interests of transparency, we can confirm how many bricklaying apprentices, supported by CITB Apprenticeships, gained qualifications. The information for the last three years is:

Contract Year	L2 Achievers	L3 Achievers	All Achievers	Success Rates	Drop-out Rate
2016/2017	531	152	683	68.0%	32.0%
2017/2018	511	193	704	69.1%	30.9%
2018/2019	297	180	477	68.9%	31.1%

The training would have been undertaken at various colleges and private providers therefore we do not have information on training or average cost. Similarly, we do not have a breakdown of male/female trainee bricklayers.

Achievement rates are inline with national benchmarks for construction apprenticeship achievement rates. The 2017/18 apprenticeship success rate for Construction, Planning and the Built Environment apprenticeships (all academic levels) was 66.8%. More information about achievement rates on Bricklaying qualifications nationally (not limited to the CITB offer) can be



found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/national-achievement-rates-tables-2017-to-2018>.

If you are unhappy with this response, or you wish to complain about any aspect of the handling of your request, then you should contact me in the first instance. If informal resolution is not possible and you are still dissatisfied, then you may apply for an independent internal review by contacting Adrian Beckingham, Corporate Performance Director, CITB, Bircham Newton, King's Lynn, Norfolk, PE31 6RH or email information.governance@citb.co.uk.

If you remain unhappy following an internal review, you may take your complaint to the Information Commissioner under the provisions of Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act. Further details of the role and powers of the Information Commissioner can be found on the Commissioners website: <https://ico.org.uk/>

Yours sincerely

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