
DPA Response - S Beattie - edir:61709

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Investigations Team

Date: 11/05/2026

Our ref: 61709

Dear Investigations Team ,

I refer to your request for information on behalf of Stuart Beattie, which was received on 29/04/2026. We have dealt with your request in accordance with Article 15 of the General Data Protection Regulation.

Unfortunately, we have been unable to locate any information within scope of your request.

The services conducted searches, but they could not locate any records for Mr Beattie. It might be worth confirming further information from Mr Beattie such as any known addresses prior to being received into care, as this might help us signpost where his records may be held.

The records for Dr Guthrie's are held at the National Records of Scotland (NRS), catalogue GD425. These records are managed by Azets Management, and they can be contacted by writing to Azets, Secretaries and Treasurers, Dr. Guthrie's School Association, Exchange Place 3, Semple Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8BL or via email to sm-charity@azets.co.uk

It will be the best to contact Dundee City Council for records of Balgowan Children's Home. There may be a possibility for them to search their Admissions Registers and Logbooks for the school up to the 1980's. See link for details of the collection:

<https://www.dundee.gov.uk/service-area/corporate-services/democratic-and-legal-services/archives/school-records>. Information on how to access the records can be found: <https://www.dundee.gov.uk/service-area/corporate-services/democratic-and-legal-services/archives/closed-records>.

I am sorry that I cannot be of further assistance at this time; if you have any questions or concerns, please do get in touch.

Right of Appeal

You can ask the Council to review its handling of your request if you are unhappy with how it has been handled.

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<https://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/downloads/download/12955/gdpr-record-of-processing>

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Yours sincerely

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