



Response to Request for Information

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Sexual Harassment and Assault Involving Children in Schools

Request:

Under Freedom of Information Laws, I would like to find out details of incidents of reported sexual harassment and assaults involving children in maintained schools.

Since September 1, 2013 (to the date of this request), I would like to know the recorded numbers and available details of every incident of a child being involved in sexual harassment/assault /act in a school.

It is important the notes DO NOT contain the name of the people involved, or the name of the school involved. Providing either of these details might risk identifying someone potentially involved in criminal behaviour, or a victim of sexual offences.

However, it is crucial that the age and sex of the children involved **are** disclosed, along with any other details relating to the outcome of any disciplinary process which may have followed (for example suspension). Where applicable, please state if the case was treated as a child protection issue, with any of the children involved being deemed "at risk" or referred to children's services.

Providing these details will not lead to the identification of the child.

Incidents could include children being sexually bullied/harassed via online means (phones/computers). Assaults may be perpetrated by a young person on another, or by an adult (such as a member of staff).

This request is being sent to 150 local authorities with the view of examining the prevalence of sexual harassment/assaults in schools, nationally.

It may be that the council has no record of any incidents of this nature. Likewise, the council might not be responsible for running schools or social services in its area. In which case, please state this is the case and return the request.

Response:

Below are the numbers of fixed period and permanent exclusion incidents that were reported by schools for the reason 'sexual misconduct' between 1st Sept 2013 and 20th July 2015. There were 15 incidents

reported in 2013/14 and 15 reported this academic year 2014/15. The table includes the type of exclusion and also the number of days the pupil was excluded for if the exclusion was a fixed period.

GENDER	AGE	EXCL TYPE	EXCL REASON	EXCL_DAYS
M	15	Fixed Period	Sexual Misconduct	1
M	13	Fixed Period	Sexual Misconduct	2
M	14	Fixed Period	Sexual Misconduct	3
M	13	Fixed Period	Sexual Misconduct	5
M	15	Permanent	Sexual Misconduct	
M	16	Fixed Period	Sexual Misconduct	3
M	14	Fixed Period	Sexual Misconduct	5
M	13	Fixed Period	Sexual Misconduct	2
M	13	Fixed Period	Sexual Misconduct	1
M	15	Fixed Period	Sexual Misconduct	5
F	15	Fixed Period	Sexual Misconduct	5
M	12	Fixed Period	Sexual Misconduct	6
M	16	Fixed Period	Sexual Misconduct	5
M	18	Fixed Period	Sexual Misconduct	5
M	6	Fixed Period	Sexual Misconduct	3
M	16	Fixed Period	Sexual Misconduct	2
M	11	Fixed Period	Sexual Misconduct	3
M	16	Fixed Period	Sexual Misconduct	5
M	16	Fixed Period	Sexual Misconduct	1
M	15	Fixed Period	Sexual Misconduct	2
M	15	Fixed Period	Sexual Misconduct	1
F	12	Fixed Period	Sexual Misconduct	3
M	14	Fixed Period	Sexual Misconduct	3
M	15	Fixed Period	Sexual Misconduct	5
F	15	Fixed Period	Sexual Misconduct	3
M	12	Fixed Period	Sexual Misconduct	3
M	16	Fixed Period	Sexual Misconduct	2
F	16	Fixed Period	Sexual Misconduct	2
M	14	Fixed Period	Sexual Misconduct	1
F	15	Fixed Period	Sexual Misconduct	1

We have also extracted data from a database used to monitor Designated Officer (LADO) referrals. The table below shows that there were 9 referrals of a sexual nature regarding staff at educational establishments in the academic year September 2013 to August 2014 and 8 referrals from September 2014 to the end of the school year 2015. The data shows that gender and age of the child involved, the gender of the teacher and whether they were suspended at any point during any investigation. Additionally, the final columns identify whether the case was referred to child protection or for additional assistance as a child at risk.

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

Age of child	Gender of child	Gender of person allegation was made against	Child on child allegation?	Any disciplinary process involved?	Dismissal?	Child referred to Child Protection?	Child referred to children's services?	Child deemed at risk at time of referral?
17	F	M	No	None	N/a	No	No	No
16	M	F	No	Suspension	No	No	No	No
4	M	M	No	Suspension	No	Yes	No	Yes
15	F	M	No	Suspension	Resigned	No	No	Yes
14	F	M	Yes	None	N/a	Yes	No	No
16	F	M	No	None	N/a	No	No	No
16	F	M	No	None	N/a	No	No	No
15	F	M	No	Suspension	No	No	No	No
15	F	M	No	Suspension	No	No	No	No
16	F	M	No	None	No	No	No	No
13	M	F	Yes	Suspension	No	No	No	No
13?	M	M	No	None	No	No	No	No
14	F	M	No	None	No	No	No	No
4	M	M	No	None	N/a	Yes	No	No
15	F	M	No	None	N/a	No	No	No
17	F	M	No	Suspension	No	No	No	No
14	M	M	No	Ongoing case				