



09 January 2019

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 1556/18

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request / Response:

I understand from the national guidance, Keeping Children Safe in Education, (paragraph 237 (P62)) that:

*If an allegation is determined to be unsubstantiated or malicious, the designated officer(s) should refer the matter to the children's social care services to determine whether the child concerned is in need of services, or may have been abused by someone else. If an allegation is shown to be deliberately invented or malicious, the head teacher, principal or proprietor should consider whether any disciplinary action is appropriate against the pupil or student who made it; or whether the police should be asked to consider if action might be appropriate against the person responsible, even if he or she were not a pupil or student.*

Please could you tell me how many allegations made by children against anybody working with children (not just children) have led in the past three years to:

1. Social service referrals, in cases deemed unsubstantiated, unfounded or malicious

Answer:

Please refer to our attached response to previous request (reference 1229/18).

2. Referrals to police to consider if action might be appropriate.

Answer:

The Police are informed every time that the threshold is met for a LADO investigation as they contribute to the Complex Strategy Meeting discussions.

Please could any figures you hold for each of the last three years be broken down on a year by year basis (preferably calendar year)? If possible please could you provide details of each case as to the general setting in which the original allegation was made (i.e education/social care/youth club etc).

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Yours faithfully

FOI Administrator  
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Rutland County Council



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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 1229/18

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Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request / Response:

Please could you tell me how many cases involving allegations made against teachers were referred to your authority's Local Area Designated Officer (LADO) in each of the past three financial years and how many of those cases, on a yearly basis, were found to be either:

1. Proven

Answer: 2 cases involving allegations made against teachers were referred during 2015 – 2016 and found to be proven.  
4 cases involving allegations made against teachers were referred during 2017 – 2018 and found to be proven.

2. Unfounded

Answer: 1 case involving allegations made against teachers was referred during 2015 – 2016 and found to be unfounded.  
2 cases involving allegations made against teachers were referred during 2016 – 2017 and found to be unfounded.  
7 cases involving allegations made against teachers was referred during 2017 – 2018 and found to be unfounded.

3. Malicious

Answer: There needs to be an allegation for the LADO to investigate. None of the ones received over the period were deemed to be malicious.

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