FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 297/19

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following data recorded with your authority between 29th November 2016 to 28th February 2019.

1. How many children have been reported for child “peer on peer” sexual offences on a Secondary school premises (School premises includes everything within the school property boundaries and also extends to include other settings or any venue managed by the school at the time e.g. premises of a school trip or visit.)

   Of that figure:

   a. How many of those children reported for and / or charged with “peer on peer” sexual offences have been temporarily excluded from school.

   b. How many those children convicted for “peer on peer” sexual offences have been permanently excluded from school.

   c. How many children victim to an alleged sexual assault have changed schools or been removed from school by a parent or guardian.

   d. How many child “peer on peer” sex offences reported to you were for rape.

2. How many children have been reported for “peer on peer” sexual offences on a Primary School premises. (School premises includes everything within the school property boundaries and also extends to include other settings or any venue managed by the school at the time e.g. premises of a school trip or visit.)

   Of that figure:

   a. How many of those children reported for allegedly perpetrating “peer on peer” sexual offences have been temporarily excluded from school.

   b. How many those children convicted for allegedly perpetrating “peer on peer” sexual offences have been permanently excluded from school.
c. How many children victim to an alleged sexual assault by a school peer have changed schools or been removed from school by a parent or guardian.

d. How many child “peer on peer” sex offences reported to you were for rape.

3. How many child “peer on peer” sexual offences have been reported to your authority.

Response:

In order to determine this, an officer would have to manually inspect records to determine whether it fell within the scope of your request and if so, extract the relevant data. Given the number of records involved, we believe it to be a reasonable estimate that to comply with your request would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450. This figure is set out in Regulations and is equivalent to one person working more than 18 hours to determine whether we hold the information, and to locate and extract the information.

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Authority is not obliged to comply with your request and we will not be processing your request further.

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Yours faithfully

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