

NCC-050649-21 Non independent schools - sexual offences

Dear Requester,

Further to your request for Information under The Freedom of Information Act, please see below

We would like to make the following requests under the Freedom of Information Act;

1. How many non-independent schools are there in your Local Education Authority? **208**
2. Of (1), how many of these schools have employed (past or present) a member of teaching staff that has been convicted within the last ten years of a sexual offence in relation to a child who attended that same school. **3**
3. Do you issue any guidance to schools over what action to take if a present member of the teaching staff is convicted of abusing a child at their school? If so, please provide me with a copy of that guidance.

As an authority we are bound by our statutory duties - specifically KCSiE 2020 part 4 – which provides guidance on managing cases of allegations that might indicate a person would pose a risk of harm if they continue to work in regular or close contact with children in their present position, or in any capacity with children in a school or college. In such cases where a member of a schools teaching staff is convicted these cases are addressed through the agreed processes, in line with current legislation, current statutory guidance and County Council policy and procedures. This guidance is provided to schools for their governing body to ratify and are advised to adopt without change.

4. Do you issue any guidance to schools over what action to take if a past member of the teaching staff is convicted of abusing a child at their school? If so, please provide me with a copy of that guidance.

Our internal policies and procedures which we advise schools to adopt without change include the national statutory guidance outlined in KCSiE2020 guidance which relates to allegations against a teacher who is no longer teaching should be referred to the police and historic allegations of abuse should also be referred to the police. (KCSiE 2020 Paragraph 212).

We trust this now resolves your enquiry. Where we have not been able to provide details we expect that this information is not held by Nottinghamshire County Council at this time.

We suggest all requesters search under our publication scheme in advance of requesting information under the freedom of information act.

Nottinghamshire County Council regularly publishes previous FOIR, s and answers on its website, under Disclosure logs. (see link)

<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

You can use the search facility using keywords. i.e. care / home etc.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Team

Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or email complaints@nottscc.gov.uk .

Kind Regards

Complaints and Information Team

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