

NCC-034624-18 Monitoring arrangements Sutherland house

Good Evening.

Could you please advise me who the Senior Case worker is with responsibilities for Sutherland House School, when the school have been reviewed over the last 4 years and what the outcomes of those reviews were. Please include documentation where available.

Thanks

Dear Requester

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (Ref NCC-034624-18)

Thank you for your request for information. Your request was received on 08 November 2018 and we are dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You will receive the information you have requested within 20 working days beginning the day following receipt of your request, unless the Council does not hold the information or there is a reason for it to be withheld. Therefore, you should receive a response by 06 December 2018

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Act Team
Resources Department
Nottinghamshire County Council

Dear Requester

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Further to my previous acknowledgement I have since become aware that Nottinghamshire County Council does not have responsibility for Sutherland House School this is an independent school within the Nottingham City Area and, therefore, we do not hold this information.

The school will hold the information you are requesting.

I hope this is helpful.

Yours Sincerely,

Good Evening

Sutherland House School is an independent school where children with special educational needs are placed by Nottinghamshire County Council.

Nottinghamshire county Council pay Sutherland House to provide this service. You will and should hold this information.

One of your officers has recently e-mailed us with the following statement,

[“The Senior Case Worker responsible for monitoring Sutherland House has been informed and has also chased the Annual Review.”](#)

Please look into this again

Thanks

Dear Requester

Further to your enquiry of 08.11.2018 regarding monitoring arrangements for Sutherland House, [We](#) have reviewed the correspondence that you have received from the Local Authority and must firstly apologise that you have been given what appears to be contradictory information.

Sutherland House is an Independent Non-Maintained School which means that it does not have any formal reporting relationship to any Local Authority although the established protocol we have with neighbouring Local Authorities is that the home Authority where the setting is based (in this case Nottingham City) would take the lead if there are major issues to be addressed. You are, however, absolutely correct that Nottinghamshire County Council places a significant number of children at Sutherland House and must therefore ensure that appropriate education provision is in place and that the school discharges its delegated duty to conduct annual reviews on behalf of the Local Authority.

The mechanism through which we do this is through termly review meetings where any concerns regarding individual learners should be discussed alongside any more general issues. We can confirm that such meetings have taken place following the establishment of ICDS in 2016 but due to staff changes there has not been the continuity of contact with Sutherland House that we would have wished nor has the recording of such meetings met the standard that we as a Local Authority, or you as a tax payer and parent, could reasonably expect and we apologise for this. We can advise that the ICDS Assessment Team do have a Senior link officer for Sutherland House, with direct oversight of the ICDS Manager. This officer attends on Sutherland House on a termly basis to complete monitoring and ensure that the local authority have an overview of pupils progress. Additionally we can advise that where it is identified as necessary an ICDS officer will attend individual pupils EHC reviews.

I hope this addresses your questions, but if you would like to discuss further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely