

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 000596
Date 14 November 2016

Sex Abuse in Schools

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I seek access to documents detailing the following information about legal action involving sex abuse in schools operating within the council's remit.

1) How many letters of engagement have you received from legal firms informing you of possible action against your council over sexual abuse in schools that took place during the last 75 years involving a party who is now deceased? Please provide the date this was received, any further details about the school in question and the dates the abuse was alleged to have taken place
None

2) How many letters of engagement have you received from legal firms informing you of possible action against your council over sexual abuse in schools that took place during the last 75 years involving any other circumstances? Please provide the date this was received, any further details about the school in question and the dates the abuse was alleged to have taken place
None

3) Are you otherwise aware of any legal action taken against your council regarding sexual abuse in schools that took place during the last 75 years? Please provide the date the year this legal action started and - if applicable - was completed, in addition to any further details about the school in question and the dates the abuse was alleged to have taken place

Legal Action Started	Legal Action Completed	Timeframe over which the Person Attended the School where the Abuse was Alleged to have Taken Place
Letter of claim received from solicitor 28/05/2003	Claim closed 30/03/2004	01/01/1971 to 31/12/1977
Letter of claim received from solicitor 14/02/2011	Settlement accepted 15/10/2012, claim closed 06/03/2013	01/04/1982 to 31/03/1985
Letter of claim received from solicitor 26/04/2016	Claim ongoing	01/01/1973 to 31/12/1975
Letter of claim received from solicitor 15/09/2016	Claim ongoing	01/01/1970 to 31/12/1975
Letter of claim received from solicitor 12/10/2001	Claim ongoing	01/01/1973 to 31/12/1975

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

- 4) How much money has the council paid in compensation or settlement agreements to alleged victims of sexual abuse across the following periods, for events that took place within the last 75 years?
- i) November 2015-present = £0
 - ii) November 2013-present = £0
 - iii) November 2011-present = £12,500
 - iv) November 2006- present = £12,500