

Response to Request for Information

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Completion of 'Body Maps' by Schools

Request:

This is a Freedom of Information request regarding the policy that your local authority has in relation to the completion of 'body maps' by schools or other educational establishments (i.e. NOT by Social Care). This matter is often overseen by the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) for Safeguarding in your Education Department.

Information requested:

1. Does your local authority have a policy or provide guidance to schools and/or other educational establishments in relation to the completion by school staff of 'body maps' for recording physical marks or injuries seen on a child or young person in the context of child protection/safeguarding? **YES / NO**
2. If you have such a policy/guidance please provide a copy of it?
3. Please provide a copy/ies of any body map templates that your local authority issues to educational establishments, together with a copy of any policy/guidance issued to school staff about the completion of body maps? **N/A**
4. Does your local authority have a policy or provide guidance to schools and/or educational establishments in relation to the taking of photographs by school staff to record physical marks or injuries seen on a child or young person in the context of child protection/safeguarding? **YES / NO**
5. If you have such a policy/guidance please provide a copy of it?

In response to your request we can confirm the above. It would be inappropriate for schools to body map or take photographs.