

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 001740
Date 28 November 2017

Sexual activity with 16/17 year olds

Request:

My query relates to abuses of a position of trust by adults in relation to 16 and 17 year olds in their care.

It is a criminal offence (s16 of the Sexual Offences Act 2003) for adults working in education and care settings; clinics; hospitals; voluntary children's homes; residential family centres; criminal justice settings to have sexual relations with 16 and 17 year old children in their care.

I am interested in complaints against adults who work outside of those settings.

1. Please tell me the number of complaints or reports about sexual activity between an adult and children aged 16 or 17 in their care made to the Local Authority Designated Officer in the last three years (April 1st to March 31st) in relation to:

Please exclude from this request any complaints made about adults working in education and care settings; clinics; hospitals; voluntary children's homes; residential family centres; criminal justice settings.

2. Please tell me how many complaints of this nature led to a referral being made to the Disclosure and Barring Service.
3. Please tell me what fields the adults complained about were working in.

Our response marked in 'blue'

Year	Number of complaints / reports about sexual relationships between adults and children aged 16 or 17 year olds in their care	Number which led to a DBS referral	Field in which the adult(s) works (eg sport coaching, music, theatre, youth work, religion)
2014/15	0	0	
2015/16	0	0	
2016/17	1	1	Voluntary Sector