

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 001912
Date 30 January 2018

Physical Assaults at Primary and Secondary Schools

Request:

Do you have a three tier education system there instead of primary and secondary?

If so, please can you include infant and junior schools and high school and state the ages which attend these.

- 1) How many physical assaults have there been on adults at primary schools in your council area at local authority maintained schools for the academic years below by children attending primary school? Please can you state how many of these attacks each year involved knives. What other types of attacks were there each year (for example - headbutting/biting/punching)?

Sept 2013 - July 2014
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Sept 2015 - July 2016
Sept 2016 - July 2017
Sept 2017 - end January 2018

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- 2) How many physical assaults have there been on adults at secondary schools in your council area at local authority maintained schools for the academic years below by children attending secondary school? Please can you state how many of these attacks each year involved knives. What other types of attacks were there each year (for example - headbutting/biting/punching)?

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- 3) How many children have received fixed term exclusions for physical assaults on adults at primary schools in the academic years below by children attending primary schools in your council area at local authority maintained schools?

Sept 2013 - July 2014	57
Sept 2014 - July 2015	54
Sept 2015 - July 2016	61
Sept 2016 - July 2017	37
Sept 2017 - end January 2018	11

Please note that these are exclusions reported to our department by maintained schools only. Also, exclusion figures for this year are provisional.

- 4) How many children have received fixed term exclusions for physical assaults on adults at secondary schools in the academic years below by children attending secondary schools in your council area at local authority maintained schools?

Sept 2013 - July 2014	22
Sept 2014 - July 2015	15
Sept 2015 - July 2016	26
Sept 2016 - July 2017	18
Sept 2017 - end January 2018	6

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- 5) How many children have received a permanent exclusion for physical assaults on adults at primary schools in the academic years below by children attending primary schools in your council area at local authority maintained schools?

Sept 2013 - July 2014	3
Sept 2014 - July 2015	3
Sept 2015 - July 2016	5
Sept 2016 - July 2017	5
Sept 2017 - end January 2018	1

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- 6) How many children have received a permanent exclusion for physical assaults on adults at secondary schools in the academic years below by children attending secondary schools in your council area at local authority maintained schools?

Sept 2013 - July 2014	0
Sept 2014 - July 2015	3
Sept 2015 - July 2016	0
Sept 2016 - July 2017	4
Sept 2017 - end January 2018	0

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Primary Schools					
	01/09/2013 - 31/07/2014	01/09/2014 - 31/07/2015	01/09/2015 - 31/07/2016	01/09/2016 - 31/07/2017	01/09/2017 - 31/01/2018
bite	8	4	6	3	2
headbutt	1	0	1	2	0
kick	20	6	11	13	4
object used as weapon	6	2	2	5	0
pinch	5	0	2	3	0
pulled hair	1	0	0	1	0
punch	12	2	8	3	2
pushed	0	3	0	0	0
scratch	2	1	4	2	1
slap	5	0	0	3	1
spit	0	0	1	0	0
TOTAL	60	18	35	35	10
Secondary Schools					
	01/09/2013 - 31/07/2014	01/09/2014 - 31/07/2015	01/09/2015 - 31/07/2016	01/09/2016 - 31/07/2017	01/09/2017 - 31/01/2018
object used as weapon	1	0	0	0	0
punch	1	3	2	2	0
TOTAL	2	3	2	2	0

There were no incidents where a knife was used to attack an adult in either primary or secondary schools.

The category 'object used as weapon' includes;

- A thrown shoe.
- Use of a skipping rope to whip.
- A thrown bamboo stick, cup of water and plant pot.
- Thrown branches and pebbles.
- Whipping with an item of clothing.
- A thrown pen.
- Hit with a snooker cue.
- Riding a bike at and colliding with victim.
- A thrown plastic tray.
- Thrown books and boxes.