

Reference: RFI 1711110

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.

Response:

In order to gather this information it would require a manual examination of an excess of 250 records, this level of detail is not able to be extracted any other way. Therefore **this** request is refused under s12 (1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

In assessing the cost of complying, the costs attributable to officer time involved in complying have been taken into account. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the Regulations, which equates to eighteen hours of officer time.