

21 July 2021

Mr David Batty
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Via email: david.batty@theguardian.com

Dear Mr Batty

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request sent via email and received by us on 25 June 2021.

Your request was in the form of the following questions:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 please provide me with the following information about the recording of sexual misconduct, sexual violence and sexual abuse by the trust and its academies.

FOI questions, the response to each of your questions is listed in red:

1. How many pupils received a fixed-period exclusion for sexual misconduct in the schools managed by your academy trust in each of the following school years? (Please provide the exclusions recorded by all the trust's schools, i.e the aggregate per year.)

2016-17	Four
2017-18	Five
2018-19	Three
2019-20	Seven
2020-21 to date	Three

2. How many pupils were permanently excluded for sexual misconduct in the schools managed by your academy trust in each of the following school years? (Please provide the exclusions recorded by all the trust's schools, i.e. the aggregate per year.)

2016-17	None
2017-18	None
2018-19	None
2019-20	None
2020-21 to date	None

Ofsted's [recent review of sexual abuse in schools](#) recommended "routine record-keeping and analysis of sexual harassment and sexual violence, including online, to identify patterns and intervene early to prevent abuse."

3. What is the total number of incidents or allegations of sexual misconduct by staff reported by the trust and/or its schools to local authorities between 2016-17 and 2020-21 to date?

Twenty

3.1 If the trust and or its schools/academies specifically records incidents or allegations of sexual misconduct by teachers, then please provide the aggregate total number recorded between 2016-17 and 2020-21 to date?

This question was not included in the original freedom of information request dated 25/06/21 and was therefore not circulated to schools.

4. Does the trust and/or its schools record incidents of sexual misconduct, sexual harassment and sexual violence that do not lead to an exclusion for sexual misconduct? (N.B. This is not a request for figures.)

4.1 If so, under what heading/terminology are these incidents recorded?

Sexualised behaviour

Safeguarding if pupil and misconduct/safeguarding of staff

Sexual misconduct

Sexual harassment

Sexual violence

Peer on peer sexual abuse

Inappropriate sexual comment or gesture

Sexist bullying

Sexual abuse

Inappropriate conduct

5. Does the trust and/or its schools record figures specifically on the following (please answer yes or no):

5.1 Upskirting by children (pupils) Yes

5.2 Gender-based violence between children (pupils) Yes

5.3 Sexual violence/sexual harassment between children (pupils) Yes

5.4 Online sexual abuse between children (pupils) Yes

5.5 Sexism by staff Yes

5.6 Inappropriate sexual behaviours by staff Yes

5.7 Staff taking inappropriate/sexual images Yes

If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined I would be grateful for any further advice and assistance.

It would be useful to collect data on the number of referrals to social care and the police and the number of these which are escalated and not closed as cases.

I hope that this answers your request satisfactorily and I look forward to reading the outcome of your work on this important subject.

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Yours sincerely

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On behalf of Bright Futures Educational Trust