

FOI number: **HBC_FOI_20200153**
Date FOI Received: **14/02/2020**
Department: **Other**
Title: **Local Authority Designated Officer**
Description: **Details of the Local Authority Designated Officer and sexual activity by people potentially in positions of trust.**

Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)

I am writing to you with a Freedom of Information request regarding information you hold on cases of sexual activity by people potentially in positions of trust that are not currently covered by legislation in the UK. The information requested should be held by your Designated Officer/Local Authority Designated Officer. Please confirm the area your figures cover.

Please could you provide the following information for the last four years (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019):

- how many cases were known about which related to sexual activity by a person who was potentially in a Position of Trust that is not currently covered by legislation with a 16 or 17 year old?
- of these cases, in how many was the role of the individual known and recorded?
- how many cases involved sports coaches or people working in sport?
- for those cases where the role was known and recorded, please categorise by the activity (eg sport, religion/faith, transport)?
- what is the process of reporting and recording cases by your LADO/DO?

Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)

Please find our response below:

Thank you for your query.

Hertfordshire is a two tier area and this information is not collated at a district level but by the County Council via its Social Services department.

Therefore, please refer your FOI request to Hertfordshire County Council who will be able to help you. If you have any queries about the processing of your request then please do not hesitate to contact me. Further information explaining the Council's process for responding to information requests together with a complaints/appeals procedure is available in our reception or via our website at:

<https://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/Your-Council/Official-Publications--Guides--Policies/Access-to-Information.aspx>

The Information Commissioner oversees the application of the Freedom of Information Act. You may contact the Information Commissioner at:

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Please include the above reference number on all correspondence related to this request.

Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

Information Services