



Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am formally requesting the following:

1. A list of Wigan Council social workers who have been struck off, disciplined, or suspended due to:

- a. Fabricated reports
- b. False allegations
- c. Procedural misconduct
- d. Misuse of CPPs or PLO proceedings
- e. Any other safeguarding-related breach between January 2022 and present.

2. A copy of Wigan Council's internal policy or guidance regarding:

- CPP continuation criteria
- Definition of "statutory visits"
- Use of resolved or unfounded concerns in ongoing interventions

3. The number of CPPs kept open longer than 6 months with no new or escalating risk recorded in the past 3 years.

There are 10 disciplinary cases in total relating to Children's Social Workers at Wigan Council for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 to 20<sup>th</sup> August 2025:

- 1a. 2 out of the 10 cases fabricated or falsified reports/other work.
- 1b. 1 out of the 10 cases resulted in a 'no case to answer' outcome following the formal investigation meeting. I have understood the 2<sup>nd</sup> question in that an allegation has been made against a Wigan Council employee but following all necessary fact-finding and investigations, the outcome of 'no case to answer' indicates that the allegation turned out to be false.
- 1c. 5 out of the 10 cases failed to follow the correct procedures/adhere to Wigan Council's and Social Work England's policies.
- 1d. There are 0 cases in relation to the misuse of child protection plans or public law outline proceedings.
- 1e. 2 out of the 10 cases relate to safeguarding concerns/breaches.

Wigan council do not have an internal policy/guidance however they adhere to Statutory Guidance – Working Together Guidance and more locally Welcome to the Greater Manchester Safeguarding Children.

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