



Please find below a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act which relates to safeguarding concerns and escalations involving children aged 16 and under, for the academic years 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, and 2023/24.

All questions relate only to safeguarding concerns and referrals that reached the Local Authority — not internal school records.

I would like this information to be provided in Excel format in line with Section 11(1) of the FOI Act and ICO Awareness Guidance 29. I have attached a spreadsheet template for your ease.

A. Safeguarding Concerns Received by the Local Authority. Please provide annual totals for safeguarding contacts/concerns received relating to under-16s attending any school type in your area.

A. Our safeguarding referral data is published nationally as part of our statutory Child in Need Census and includes source of the referral. The current year 24/25 and previous years requested are available here: [Children in Need, Reporting Year 2025](#)

B. MASH Escalations

- Total screened
- Progressed to statutory assessment
- Closed at contact / NFA
- Repeat escalations (aggregate only)

B. Statutory data requirements do not require us to report on contacts or mash episodes, only referral data. This data is published here [Children in Need, Reporting Year 2025](#) and includes Referral NFA and Repeat Referrals.

C. Police Involvement

- Referrals from LA/schools to police
- Police notifications to LA
- Repeat police-related escalations (aggregate only)

C. This data is not captured in a reportable format, information about any referrals the LA makes to the police would be held as text in case notes. Based on the number of referrals we receive each year to review each record at 5 minutes per record would take us significantly over the 18 hours. The LA does not hold information about referrals made by schools to the police. The number of referrals made to the LA by the police is available here by source of referral [Children in Need, Reporting Year 2025](#). We aren't statutorily required to record repeat referrals by source.

D. CAMHS Escalations (as known to LA)

- Referrals to CAMHS
- Accepted
- Rejected/redirected
- Crisis episodes known to LA
- Repeat CAMHS-related escalations (aggregate only)

D. This data is not captured in a reportable format.

Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) relieves a public authority from the obligation to comply with a request for information where the estimated time required to locate, review and extract the information exceeds a certain threshold set out in Regulations.

I am satisfied the cost limit applies to your request and will explain why this is the case

Information about any referrals the LA makes to CAMHS would be held as text in case notes. Based on the number of referrals we receive each year, to review each record at 5 minutes per record would take us significantly over the 18 hours. The LA does not hold data on any referrals received by CAMHS or the outcome of that referral.

E. School Discipline

- Suspensions
- Permanent exclusions
- Managed moves

E. This data is published here [Suspensions & permanent exclusions in England, Academic year 2023/24](#)

F. PREVENT / Channel

- Total Prevent referrals
- Adopted into Channel
- Screened out / NFA
- Ideology breakdown (RW/Mixed/Other, Islamist, Other, Not recorded)
- Repeat Prevent referrals (aggregate only)

F. This data is only held by Counter Terrorism Northwest and any information requests must be made to them.

G. Repeat Escalations Across All Pathways

- Number of cases escalated more than once across any pathway (aggregate only)

G. Repeat Referrals and Repeat CP are published here: [Children in Need, Reporting Year 2025](#)

H. Workforce

- CSC safeguarding FTE
- Average caseload per FTE
- MASH staffing
- Vacancy rate
- Sickness/absence impacts

H. Please see attached CSV file