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Request and response:

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 from April 1st 2017 to March 31st 2019, broken down by financial year. 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. For each of the above financial years please tell me what fields the adults complained about were working in (e.g. sport coaching, music, theatre, youth work, religion), and the number of complaints against adults in each sector.

I suggest a table in the following format for the response (info in red is hypothetical):

Number of complaints / reports about sexual relationships between adults and children aged 16 or 17 year olds in their care	Field in which the adult(s) works (e.g. sport coaching, music, theatre, youth work, religion)	Number of complaints against adults in those fields of work
None	NA	NA

If there were fewer than five complaints, please indicate this using a '' rather than refusing to disclose altogether.**

Please note that the above figure is for the financial year 2018-19 only.

For the financial year 2017-18: Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states that where the information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means, the right to request the information from a public authority under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply.

Therefore, the information you requested has already been shared previously and is available on the council Disclosure log.

Information provided by: Together for Families

Date of response: 21st August 2019