

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to submit the following request under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

During the financial years 2013/14 and 2014/15 (up til 16th Feb 2015):

- 1) How many referrals (# not %) regarding the sexual abuse of disabled clients has the council recorded? Please provide a breakdown by physical and learning disability.**

- 2) How many referrals (# not %) regarding the financial abuse of disabled clients has the council recorded? Please provide a breakdown by physical and learning disability.**

For clarity, I am attempting to obtain the latest figures the HSCIC collected from councils in 2012/13, see pg 37: <http://www.hscic.gov.uk/catalogue/PUB13499/abus-vuln-adul-eng-12-13-fin-rep.pdf>

Please provide the information requested in an Excel spreadsheet.

If you anticipate any problems with providing the information requested or require clarification, please let me know at the earliest possible stage.

I would be grateful if you can provide an acknowledgment of my request and direct all responses to this email address.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Evans, Michael

Subject: Information request - Ref:1435/1415

From: Sanderson, Sarah **On Behalf Of** FOI Requests

Sent: 16 February 2015 15:37

To:

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Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 / Environmental Information Regulations 2004 -
Ref:1435/1415**

Thank you for your correspondence received on 16 February 2015.

Your request is being considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 or the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (whichever is most appropriate). You will receive the information requested within the statutory timescale of 20 working days.

However, please note the Acts define a number of exemptions that may prevent release of the requested information. There will therefore be an assessment of your request to determine if any exemptions apply to the information requested. If the information cannot be released, or only released in part you will be informed of the reasons why, together with any rights of appeal.

If the information requested refers to a third party, they may be consulted before deciding whether it can be released.

Yours sincerely,
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Evans, Michael

Subject: Information request - Ref:1435/1415
Attachments: DisabledAbuseFOI.docx; Ref 1435_1415 Abuse of Vulnerable Adults.xlsx

From: Sanderson, Sarah **On Behalf Of** FOI Requests
Sent: 17 March 2015 12:26
To:
Subject: Information request - Ref:1435/1415

Dear

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 1435/1415

Further to your email received on 3rd February 2015 I am now in a position to respond to your request for information. I have left your questions on below for ease of reference.

REQUEST & RESPONSE:

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Please find our response in the attached spreadsheet

Please note: In the attached spreadsheet there are a number of instances where we are unable to provide further details due to the low number of clients involved (fewer than 5) and the relevant data relating to those cases. This may provide client identifiable information and would contravene data protection principles (Exemption section 40 – Personal information)

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you may make a corporate complaint by completing the complaint form, and return to Complaints Team, Children, Education and Social Care, 4th Floor, Bayheath House, Prince Regent Street, Stockton-on-Tees TS18 1DF
Alternatively, you can complete the form online at:

<http://www.stockton.gov.uk/stocktoncouncil/customerservices/complaintsandcommendations/>

A review of your complaint will then be undertaken by a nominated officer.

OR You can also complain to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow

Cheshire
SK1 0AF
Tel: 0303 1231113

www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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Year 2014/15	Primary Reason	
Primary Support Reason	Financial and Material	Sexual
Learning Disability & Mental Health Support	12	6
Physical Disability Support	27	Fewer than 5
Other Vulnerable Adult	8	5
Grand Total	47	10 - 15 cases

2013/14	Primary Reason	
Primary Category	Financial and Material	Sexual
Learning Disability & Mental Health Support	25	10
Other Vulnerable Adult	5	Fewer than 5
Physical Disability	38	
Grand Total	68	10 - 15 cases

