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Dear Sir/Madam.

Thank you for your request for information relating to LADO outcomes.

You have requested the following information:

Please could you tell me how many allegations made by children against anybody working with children (not just children) have led in the past three years to:

- 1. Social service referrals, in cases deemed unsubstantiated, unfounded or malicious**
- 2. Referrals to police to consider if action might be appropriate.**

Please could any figures you hold for each of the last three years be broken down on a year by year basis (preferably calendar year)? If possible please could you provide details of each case as to the general setting in which the original allegation was made (I.e. education/social care/youth club etc.).

Every referral we receive is shared with MASH (Police, Health, Education, and Probation). A MASH decision is made at this point in terms of what if any support is needed by the child and their family.

No Head of a school would make a decision in isolation in terms of "action" against a child or children. Actions at conclusion are agreed in conjunction with all relevant partner agencies.

Support needs for children and the adult in the position of trust are considered at every stage.

We do not hold data of referrals to the police or MASH (Local authority children's services) because this is an integral part of every LADO referral and process. We are therefore advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act.

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Yours sincerely

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