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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI397806443**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Safeguarding Investigations into Children's Homes.

You have requested the following information:

**1/ The number of LADO investigations where an employee or contractor in a children's home was alleged to have had a sexual relationship with a child who was a resident of the home, since January 2017 up until the point this request is responded to. Please detail the month and year of the offence, the age of the child and provide a brief description of the allegation and outcome, where known.**

We confirm that there is no return in respect of those “..alleged to have had a sexual relationship with a child...” We are therefore advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act that information is not held or recorded under this definition. However to assist, we have understood your request to refer to *allegations of sexual abuse*. We have therefore provided data as shown below.

Year	Month	Age of child	Brief description	Outcome
2020	April	13-18	Allegation of sexual and physical abuse.	Malicious.

2020	March	14	Allegation that care worker inappropriately touched them whilst retrieving a device from their waistband. There was no suggestion from the child that this was a deliberate act.	Did not meet LADO threshold.
2020	February	16 years	Allegation that care worker invaded young person's privacy in bathroom/bedroom whilst undertaking safe and well checks.	Unfounded.

With respect to 2017, 2018, 2021 and year to date for 2022 there have been no allegations received meeting the above criteria.

**2/ The number of safeguarding LADO investigations where an employee or contractor in a semi-independent home or supported accommodation was alleged to have had a sexual relationship with a child who was a resident of the home, since January 2017 up until the point this request is responded to. Detailed as above.**

We confirm that there is no return in respect of those “..alleged to have had a sexual relationship with a child...” We are therefore advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act that information is not held or recorded under this definition. However to assist, we have understood your request to refer to *allegations of sexual abuse*. We have therefore provided data as shown below.

Year	Month	Age of child	Brief description	Outcome
2020	Sept	17 years	Allegation that worker in supported accommodation behaved inappropriately including inappropriate contact (flirting), inappropriate electronic contact with the young person.	Substantiated.

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Yours faithfully

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