

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

I would like to ask how many former residents at children's homes in your area have been paid compensation by the council after being sexually abused? Please tell me how much was paid out in total. Over what period of time were the alleged offences committed?

Please tell me how many former residents who were sexually abused in children's care homes signed some kind of confidentiality agreement? How much compensation were they paid in total?

I would like you to search your records as far back as possible. I would add that it is important the council reveals how it has used taxpayers money to compensate victims of abuse.

Our records for insurance claims go back as far as 1998 (15 years) so the following response takes into account claims we have received during that period of time.

In response to the first paragraph I confirm that only one former resident of a children's home has been paid compensation as a result of sexual abuse since 1998. £3000 was paid. The incident, in question, involved an allegation of a single act of abuse which occurred in 2009.

In respect of your second paragraph the answer is nil. No confidentiality agreements have been signed or requested to be signed. The compensation total is £3000.

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Leicester City Council
FREEPOST (LE985/33)
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LEICESTER LE1 6ZG
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Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
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