

## **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 get a copy of the councils rape policy or allegations of rape policy.”**

The council has no policy document specifically on the topic of rape or allegations of rape.

Where rape or allegations of rape come to the attention of the council, the council's actions in such cases take place within our existing child and adult protection structures, policies and procedures; and multi-agency Adults Safeguarding and Children's Safeguarding procedures. For example, the children's safeguarding procedures can be found by going to the Leicester Safeguarding Children Board website at [www.lcitylscb.org](http://www.lcitylscb.org) and clicking on the procedures link. The section that deals with allegations, including allegations of sexual assaults is section 3.

As outlined in those procedures rape, as a serious sexual assault, and the investigation of allegations of rape would be considered as a situation where a crime may have been committed and therefore a matter for the Police. Any referral received by the City Council would need to be passed to the Police immediately and then consideration given regarding whether Social Care undertake a joint investigation with the Police.

On the basis that we do not have a specific policy document on the topic of rape or allegations of rape, this is a Refusal Notice under Section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, because in accordance with Section 1.1 of the Act this information is not held.

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

**Head of Information Governance  
Information and Support  
Leicester City Council  
FREEPOST (LE985/33)  
New Walk Centre  
LEICESTER LE1 6ZG**  
e-mail: [foia@leicester.gov.uk](mailto:foia@leicester.gov.uk)

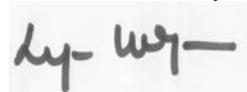
Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

You can also complain to the Information Commissioner at:

**Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow SK9 5AF  
Telephone: 01625 545 700**  
[www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)

Please be aware that the Information Commissioner does not normally consider appeals or complaints until the internal appeals and complaints processes of the public authority which is answering the request have been exhausted. You are therefore advised to complain or appeal to Head of Information Governance before contacting the Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lynn Wyeth', is written over a light grey rectangular background.

**Lynn Wyeth  
Head of Information Governance**