

## 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:

1. The number of complaints or allegations you have received or been notified of in the past three calendar years of sexual abuse of a child or children while attending a madrassa or mosque.

Total number of sexual abuse allegations = 0

2. Please provide a breakdown of this number by year, i.e. expressed as separate figures for 2009, 2010 and 2011.

N/A

3. For each allegation, I would like to know whether it was investigated and if so how; whether the police became involved, whether there was a full criminal inquiry, whether there was a prosecution. If not, please provide the reasons why matters were not pursued and information on the ultimate outcome of each matter.

N/A

4. Please also provide details of any disciplinary action taken against individuals concerned.

N/A

5. The number of complaints or allegations you have received or been notified of in the past three calendar years of physical abuse of a child or children while attending a madrassa or mosque.

Total number of Physical abuse allegations = 36

6. Please provide a breakdown of this number by year, i.e. expressed as separate figures as above.

2009 = 10    2010 = 14    2011 = 12 (01/01/11 to 27/09/11)

7. For each allegation, I would like to know whether it was investigated and if so how; whether the police became involved, whether there was a full criminal inquiry, whether there was a prosecution. If not, please provide the reasons why matters were not pursued and what was the ultimate outcome of each matter.

**2009** – All investigated jointly by police and social care

9 Unsubstantiated

1 Substantiated subsequently convicted for common assault.

0 Unfounded

**2010** – 12 allegations were jointly investigated by police and social care.

2 Not met threshold for section 47 investigation – no further action

1 Unfounded

5 Substantiated  
4 Unsubstantiated

**2011** – 11 allegations were jointly investigated by police and social care.

1 Not met threshold for section 47 investigation – no further action  
11 – currently on-going / open cases

8. Please also provide details of any disciplinary action taken against individuals concerned.

We do not have this information but are aware that the majority of the concerns have been followed up with additional training and monitoring where appropriate. One person was convicted and madrasah ceased to use his services.

9. Whether your council has been involved in safeguarding awareness work with mosques in your area and what form that has taken.

Safeguarding in Madrasah Project in Leicester City has delivered statutory safeguarding training.

2009 : 16 sessions total of 304 attendees  
2010: 10 sessions total of 239 attendees  
2011: to date 7 sessions attended by 174 people

Allegation Service within the Local Authority has delivered 3 training sessions to approx. 80 members of Madrasah's on Management of allegations procedure between 2009 - 2011.

This has focussed on LADO role, reporting requirements and discussion around thresholds.

10. The number of madrassas known to be teaching children in your council area. Unknown – but Federation of Muslim Organisation in Leicester is aware of 80 Madrasahs operating in Leicester City.

The allegation service within the local authority works closely with SIM project and project worker is Mohammed Patel. We would be happy to provide any other information you may need regarding local position.

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### **Outcome definitions**

Unsubstantiated: This is not the same as a false allegation. It simply means that there is insufficient identifiable evidence to prove or disprove the allegation.

Unfounded (or the allegation cannot be true): This indicates that the person making the allegation misinterpreted the incident or was mistaken about what they saw. Alternatively they may not have been aware of all the circumstances. For an

allegation to be classified as unfounded, it will be necessary to have evidence to disprove the allegation.

There have been no false allegations

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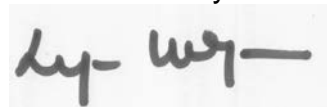
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Yours sincerely



**Lynn Wyeth**

**Head of Information Governance**