



North Tyneside Council

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Request:

Please could you provide the following information for the last four years (2016, 2017, 2018, 2019):

how many cases were known about which related to sexual activity by a person who was potentially in a Position of Trust that is not currently covered by legislation with a 16 or 17 year old? of these cases, in how many was the role of the individual known and recorded? how many cases involved sports coaches or people working in sport? for those cases where the role was known and recorded, please categorise by the activity (eg sport, religion/faith, transport)? what is the process of reporting and recording cases by your LADO/DO?

Clarified by applicant as follows:

I was requesting information related to people in positions of trust not currently covered by the Sexual Offences Act, by which I was referring to roles including sports coaches and faith leaders where it is currently legal for them to have sexual relationships with 16 and 17-year-olds (whereas clearly it is illegal for teachers to do so). For clarity, the apparent loophole in the law is what the NSPCC and others have been campaigning to have closed - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/support-us/campaigns/close-the-loophole/>

Response:

The Council have had Nil cases

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