



Reference: FOI3190

Request:

1. How many parents/carers have reported allegations/concerns about the use of restrictive interventions in schools to the LADO for each year from 2015 -2020? Where 'Restraint is an action to limit a person's movement liberty or freedom to act independently. Restraint can include physical, mechanical and chemical forms of control, coercion and forced isolation. These can also be called restrictive interventions'. (EHRC 2020)

- 2015 x1
- 2020 x1

2. How many schools, primary, secondary, specialist independent, academies, grant-maintained schools, PRU's, and alternative provision have referred cases to the LADO, where staff have used restrictive interventions? Please include figures from January 2015- October 2020.

- 2015 x2
- 2016 x1
- 2017 x8
- 2018 x8
- 2019 x8
- 2020 x4

3. Which behaviour management training providers are the LA's preferred providers for school staff?

Team Teach

4. How many cases of restrictive intervention in schools did the LADO document in their annual reports for each year 2015- 2020?

As previous

5. How many cases/allegations of abuse arising from restrictive interventions in schools have been documented in annual safeguarding reports and under what heading e.g. physical abuse or other?

Schools submit a safeguarding governors report at least annually to their own individual governing bodies. These are not submitted to the LA or NTSCP (North Tyneside Safeguarding Children Partnership).



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6. How many cases involving restrictive intervention in schools have been investigated by the LADO in the last five years and what were the outcomes of those investigations e.g. false, malicious substantiated or unsubstantiated.

- x10 cases were recorded as unsubstantiated
- X8 cases recorded as substantiated
- x5 Unfounded
- x10 cases were concluded as no further action following initial consideration.

7. Does the council have a separate policy for allegations made against school staff who use restrictive intervention? Please supply policy.

The council does not provide a policy to schools for 'allegations made against school staff who use restrictive interventions'. Schools should follow DfE advice 'Use of reasonable force' (2013) to develop their own policies in relation to this. Allegation management and LADO referrals follows the guidance set out in Part 4 of Keeping Children Safe in Education.

8. Please supply a copy of the council's policies and procedures, when allegations are made against school staff who have used restrictive interventions.

Please see links below, which are sent to all schools for them to develop their own policies

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/912592/Keeping_children_safe_in_education_Sep_2020.pdf

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/444051/Use_of_reasonable_force_advice_Reviewed_July_2015.pdf

9. Can you please supply a copy of the safeguarding audit questionnaire completed annually by schools?

Schools complete an annual section 11/157 safeguarding audit developed by the NTSCP which is a self-assessed audit. Results are collated but identified improvements to practice are for schools to implement individually.

10. Has the local authority held a review in the last five years specifically into the numbers of restrictive interventions undertaken by a school/ education provider?

There has not been local authority held a review in the last five years specifically into the numbers of restrictive interventions undertaken by a school/ education provider

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11.Has the use of restrictive intervention in school provisions been discussed by the local authority safeguarding board in the last five years, please supply minutes of meeting(s).

No

12.Have there been any prosecutions arising from staff using restrictive interventions where allegations were deemed substantiated by the LADO?

There have been three prosecutions recorded since 2015, x2 staff members received simple cautions and x1 case progressed to Court and the subject found guilty of assault

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