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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

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Thank you for your request for information relating to child exploitation and school exclusions.

You have requested the following information:

1. Councils are required to record when children-in-need are at risk of child criminal exploitation as part of the Department for Education's children-in-need census. How many children at risk of child criminal exploitation did you identify in 2022/23?

The Children in Need census will be submitted to the Department of Education by the 30 July 2023 and the information will be published in the public domain on their website subsequently in late 2023. The interim position, which is subject to ratification follows:

Number of children potentially at risk of child criminal exploitation in 2022/23: 105

Note that this particular risk may be flagged along with many other risks in an assessment.

2. How many of these children at risk of criminal exploitation were (a) excluded or (b) suspended from school in 2022/23?

Between the period 1 April 2022 and 31 March 2023 of those children identified as at risk of criminal exploitation:

(a) Three were permanently excluded from school. Please note two of these children are also counted under the suspension figure below.

(b) 38 were suspended from school.

Exclusions/suspension data is taken and matched against children identified as being at risk of exploitation by their UPN. Where no match is made, it is assumed there were no exclusions or suspensions. Data is correct as of 22 May 2023.

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Yours faithfully

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