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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI700544651**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Misogyny and Sexual Harassment in Schools.

You have requested the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding misogyny-related behaviour and sexual harassment in schools within your local authority area. Please provide the following:

1. Misogyny-Related School Exclusions

a. The number of pupils excluded (both temporary and permanent exclusions) due to misogynistic, sexist, or harassment-related behaviour for each of the past six academic years (2018/19 to 2024/25).

In response to Questions 1a), we confirm we do not hold this information and we are informing you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. Our system does not record this information in a reportable format.

b. A breakdown by school year, gender of excluded pupils, and type of incident where available.

In response to Question 1b), we confirm that the reports relating to general exclusions broken down by reason, gender and school is exempt under section 40 (2) of the FOIA, as releasing this information may lead to the identification of pupils. This exemption covers the personal data of third parties (anyone other than the requester) where complying with the request would breach any of the principles in the Data Protection Act.

This has been done as the Council considers that this information meets the definition for personal data set out in Section 3(2) and 3(3) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) as:

(2) personal data means any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual (subject to subsection (14)(c))”

(3) “Identifiable living individual” means a living individual who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to

*(a) an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data or an online identifier, or
(b) one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of the individual.”*

Section 40(2) of the FOIA states that personal data relating to third parties (i.e. a party other than the person requesting the information) is exempt information if it is the personal data of a third party (i.e. not yourself) and one of the conditions in section 40(3A B) or 40(4A) is satisfied.

The information you have requested includes a breakdown of the total number of excluded pupils by reason, gender and school, where the number of excluded pupils may be so small that this could lead to the identification of the school pupils concerned. The disclosure of this information would breach one or more of the Data Protection Principles in the UK General Data Protection Regulation (UK GDPR). The condition at section 40 3A(a) is therefore satisfied because disclosure in this instance would breach the first data protection principle. This is because it would be unfair to disclose such personal data where the pupils concerned have no expectation that their names would be released in the context of the information held.

Section 40(2) is an absolute exemption not subject to the Public Interest Test.

2. Andrew Tate-linked Disruptions in Schools

a. Any reports received from schools about incidents where students referenced Andrew Tate in a way that led to classroom disruption, safeguarding concerns, or disciplinary action (2022–present).

b. Any internal guidance, correspondence, or advice issued to schools regarding Andrew Tate's influence on pupils.

3. Teacher Training on Tackling Misogyny

a. Any training programmes, guidance, or policies introduced by the local authority to help teachers address misogyny, online radicalisation, or incel ideology among students.

b. The number of teachers or schools that have received such training since 2020.

4. Reports of Sexual Harassment in Schools

a. The number of sexual harassment reports (both pupil-on-pupil and staff-on-pupil) made to schools in each of the past five academic years.

b. A breakdown of the type of incident reported (e.g., verbal harassment, physical harassment, online harassment).

c. The number of cases that resulted in disciplinary action or referral to external agencies.

In response to Questions 2, 3 and 4, we confirm we do not hold this information and we are informing you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. We do not record this information.

To assist, we advise you to contact the schools directly to request this information, as they will hold this. Contact details for schools are accessible using the link below:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/schoolcontactdetails>

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If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email icocasework@ico.org.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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