

Freedom of Information request reference number: 8086.2

Date of response: 16 January 2024

Request:

We sought clarification on your initial request FOIA8086.1. This resulted in follow up questions and a revised request.

Regarding the 57 Historical Case Review data, 57 historic cases have been reviewed. Eight of these cases are being re-investigated, and eight are pending decision can you please confirm: -

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Response:

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The Committee paper LFC – 012 located [here](#) provides a detailed terms of reference on how the 57 cases were identified for the historical review including the reasons the 57 cases were selected. It was an independent investigator who recommended no further action and the reasons for those recommendations are covered in the published decision paper.

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<5 individuals responding to a historic complaint re-investigation have been suspended.

< 5 means there are more than one, but less than five individuals that have been suspended. As number is so small, providing the exact figures could lead to specific individuals being identified from the data. Therefore, I consider a further breakdown exempt from disclosure under the FOIA via [Section 40 – Personal Information](#).

Of those suspended, what is the shortest and longest length of suspension?

The suspension length range is between 4 months and 12 months.

And when do you anticipate this process to be completed by?

The historic case review process has been completed. The cases for re investigation are ongoing.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request [on our website](#)