

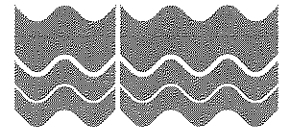
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Dear Ms Fox,

Request for Internal Review – 7332 Darren Turk Abuse at Frewen College

Thank you for your email of 6 July 2016 requesting an internal review in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('FOIA').

I confirm that the details of your request, the response to your request and your request for an internal review are set out in the enclosed chronology.

You have requested this internal review on the basis that you have not received a full response to your request for information held by East Sussex County Council ("the Council"). In particular, you have highlighted the following questions as unanswered. In undertaking this internal review, I have therefore considered each of your points and I confirm that the outcome of my investigation is as follows:

Question 1: Did Frewen School come under the responsibility of East Sussex County Council at the time of the offences?

Frewen College is an independent school and was therefore not under the responsibility of the Council at the time of the offences, namely from 1996 to 2002, as per the linked BBC article.

Question 2: How many children were thought to be abused by Turk?

I understand that in May 2015 the Police confirmed to the Council that there were six victims, which led to 14 offences between 1995 and 2002.

Question 3: When was Turk employed by the Council and for what period was he at the school?

I can confirm that the Council does not hold any information relating to whether Darren Turk was ever employed by the Council. The Council do not hold details relating to his employment at Frewen College.



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Question 4: Please send me any inspection reports for this time?

As the school is independent inspection reports are not provided to the Council and therefore this information is not held by us. Please see below links to the Ofsted website which provides the reports available.

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/ELS/114635>

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/inspection-reports/find-inspection-report/provider/CARE/SC049345>

Right of Appeal

If you are not content with the outcome of this internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Tel: 0303 123 1113. www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Baker' with a stylized flourish at the end.

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