

Freedom of Information – Response – 27043

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please provide the following information for the last five financial years (2020-2025), broken down by year:

1. The number of LADO referrals, concerns and allegations relating to nursery settings

2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
38	49	59	44	70

2. Of these, how many allegations were recorded as substantiated

2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
6	8	8	<5*	9

3. How many of the referrals/allegations resulted in any action recorded by the LADO (e.g., internal disciplinary action, referral to Ofsted or DBS, or police involvement).

2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
<5*	6	6	<5*	8

**Data has been suppressed to avoid identification of individuals. See below notes.*

Data suppression - notes

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