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FOI regarding 'Notifiable Incident' notifications sent to OFSTED regarding Shamima Begum, Amira Abase & Kadiza Sultana

[Amy](#) made this Freedom of Information request to [Tower Hamlets Borough Council](#)

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Waiting for an **internal review** by [Tower Hamlets Borough Council](#) of their handling of this request.

Amy 7 March 2021

Delivered

Dear Tower Hamlets Borough Council,

Can you please provide me with the following:

1. How many 'Notifiable Incidents' were reported to OFSTED regarding the children that were groomed and fled to Syria (Shamima Begum, Amira Abase & Kadiza Sultana)?
2. Dates those 'Notifiable Incidents' were reported to OFSTED
3. When were these 'Notifiable Incidents' reported to the LSCB (Local Safeguarding Children's Board)?
4. Dates of Tower Hamlet's meetings with LSCB regarding these 'Notifiable Incidents'?
5. Dates of any interaction with 'National Panel of independent experts on Serious Case Reviews' regarding discussions of whether to complete a Serious Case Review for the above children.

For context 'Notifiable Incidents' are related to in the Government guidance 'Working Together with Children 2015' - Pages 74-80 Chapter 4: Learning and Improvement framework.

Yours faithfully,

Amy West

London Borough of Tower Hamlets, Tower Hamlets Borough Council 8 March 2021

Information request

Our reference: 27548267

Dear Amy West,

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information that was received on 8 March 2021 requesting:

1. How many 'Notifiable Incidents' were reported to OFSTED regarding the children that were groomed and fled to Syria (Shamima Begum, Amira Abase & Kadiza Sultana)?
2. Dates those 'Notifiable Incidents' were reported to OFSTED
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For context 'Notifiable Incidents' are related to in the Government guidance 'Working Together with Children 2015' - Pages 74-80 Chapter 4: Learning and Improvement framework.

We are dealing with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and we aim to send a response by 7 April 2021.

In some case, a fee may be payable. If we decide a fee is payable, we will send you a fee notice and we will require you to pay the fee before proceeding with your request.

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 may restrict the release of some or all of the information you have requested. We will carry out an assessment and if any exemptions apply to some or all of the information then we might not provide that information to you. We will inform you if this is the case and advise you of your rights to request an internal review and to complain to the Information Commissioner's Office.

We will also advise you if we cannot provide you with the information requested for any other reason together with the reason(s) why and details of how you may appeal (if appropriate).

Yours faithfully

Shipa Begum
Complaints and Information Admin Officer
Complaints and Information
020 7364 4736
[\[email address\]](#)

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London Borough of Tower Hamlets, Tower Hamlets Borough Council 30 March 2021

1 Attachment

Response neither confirm nor deny.pdf

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Information request

Our reference: 27548267

Dear Amy West,

Your request for information has been considered under the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please find attached our response to your request.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Complaints and Information

Town Hall
Mulberry Place
5 Clove Crescent
E14 2BG
[\[email address\]](#)

If you are still dissatisfied with the Council's response after the internal review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF.
Telephone: 01625 545 700
Website: www.ico.gov.uk

Yours faithfully

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Amy 24 June 2021

Unknown

Dear Tower Hamlets Borough Council,

Please pass this on to the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews.

I am writing to request an internal review of Tower Hamlets Borough Council's handling of my FOI request 'FOI regarding 'Notifiable Incident' notifications sent to OFSTED regarding Shamima Begum, Amira Abase & Kadiza Sultana'.

I note that you have not confirmed or denied whether the authority holds this information, and have not applied an exemption that would remove this obligation.

As you may be aware, Section 1(1) of the FOI Act (<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/51/section/1>) states that "Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

I would be grateful if you could clarify whether or not this information is held, or specify which exemption of the duty to confirm or deny you are applying.

The following requests from my FOI:

1. How many 'Notifiable Incidents' were reported to OFSTED regarding the children that were groomed and fled to Syria (Shamima Begum, Amira Abase & Kadiza Sultana)?
2. Dates those 'Notifiable Incidents' were reported to OFSTED
3. When were these 'Notifiable Incidents' reported to the LSCB (Local Safeguarding Children's Board)?

This information would be held by Tower Hamlets Council NOT the LSCB.

There is no identifying information that would be given in order to complete these requests and so I ask again that you complete this FOI - specifically questions 1, 2 & 3.

A full history of my FOI request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address:

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/foi_regarding_notifiable_incident#outgoing-1170344

Yours faithfully,

Amy West

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