

21 February 2018

**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20180169**

**REQUEST**

**I would like to renew this request (as attached below) given it was made nearly four months ago and I presume circumstances have now changed.**

**If the force has still not made any payments to claimants' lawyers I would be grateful if you would clarify how claims are being settled without any payments being made to claimants' lawyers.**

*I would be grateful if you would provide the following:*

- 1) The number of claims for compensation received from victims of the child grooming scandal in Rotherham.*
- 2) The number of claims so far settled and the payments made for each.*
- 3) The legal costs - that is the amount of payment made to claimants' lawyers if separate from the individual compensation claim and the amount paid by the police to any outside law firms and counsel employed or instructed in relation to the claims.*

*My focus is on victims in Rotherham but if there are, separately, any claims relating to victims in Sheffield, who may have been in contact with Sheffield Council services rather than Rotherham, I would be grateful if the same information is provided in relation to those.*

**RESPONSE**

I approached our Legal Department for an update to our previous responses (reference 20171749) of 22 November 2017, and the subsequent Internal Review (reference 20172100) of 29 December 2018).

**Question 1**

I am advised there is no change to the response provided to this question on 29 December 2018.

**Question 2**

The number of claims settled has now risen to 7. As indicated in our response of 22 November and 29 December, we will not disclose details of individual payments as this information is exempt under Section 40 (2) Personal Information.

**Question 3**

I can confirm that the total spend to date in relation to SYP costs only, is now recorded as £770,051. I can again confirm that there is no recorded information in regard to payments made to claimants' lawyers. As such, our formal response is one of 'no information held'.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by following the advice contained in the separate notice enclosed with this correspondence: