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**Request:**

A full disclosure of all complaints against Edinburgh City Council, its employees, Councillors or Social Service & Social Service personnel alleging censorship between the dates of 31/1/2019 - 31/1/2021 respectively.

**Clarification of 'censorship'**

Censorship means the suppression of any data in any form or in regards any source that is deemed by Edinburgh City Council, the U.K. Governments or NHS to be obscene, political or a threat to public health and national security

Our Governance team have provided the following in regard to Elected Members:

We do not have any record of any complaints of this nature. If we did have any complaints of this nature we would hold them in the following way:

- Following a complaint directly to the Ethical Standards Commissioner about the conduct of a Councillor. The ESC would contact us for information to investigate the complaint.
- As part of whistleblowing investigations.

I can confirm we have checked our records for both and have no complaints of this nature.

We have also checked our customer complaints system and can advise the following:

During the requested timescale the Council recorded 13,483 complaints. We then searched on the word "censorship" and this returned no results.

To assess if the complaint related to alleged censorship the Council would need to review each of the 13,483 complaints. It is estimated that this would take an average of 2 minutes per record. Therefore, this task would take an officer 449 hours.