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Please provide details of any complaints made by members of the public about books held in school libraries within your council area. I would like this information for the period September 2022 to September 2025.

For each complaint, please provide:

- The date the complaint was received.
- The title and author of the book concerned.
- The nature of the complaint (e.g., objection to content such as LGBTQ+, age appropriateness, etc.).
- The outcome of the complaint (e.g., no action, book retained, book removed, book moved to restricted access).

During this period there were a total of eight complaints/book challenges outlined below:

Date: December 2022

Title and Author: Meat Market by Juno Dawson

Nature of the Complaint: Complaint regarding age appropriateness, references to eating disorders and drug taking.

The outcome of the complaint: Upheld

Date: June 2023

Title and Author: Trans Mission: My Quest to a Beard by Alex Bertie

Nature of the Complaint: Complaint regarding specific content in the book around the topic of transitioning (LGBTQ+) and age appropriateness.

The outcome of the complaint: Upheld

Date: October 2023

Title and Author: American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang

Nature of the Complaint: Complaint regarding age appropriateness, racial stereotype and language.

The outcome of the complaint: Upheld

Date: September/October 2023

Title and Author: Partners in Crime by Nigel Hinton

Nature of the Complaint: Complaint about references to drug addiction and drug use content and inappropriate for S1 pupils.

The outcome of the complaint: Upheld

Date: June 2024

Title and Author: Trans Mission: My Quest to a Beard by Alex Bertie

Nature of the Complaint: Objection to LGBTQ+ content.

The outcome of the complaint: Upheld

Date: June 2024

Title and Author: What's the T? by Juno Dawson

Nature of the Complaint: Objection to LGBTQ+ content.

The outcome of the complaint: Upheld

Date: June 2024

Title and Author: Females by Andrea Long Chu

Nature of the Complaint: Age appropriateness on account of LGBTQ+ content

The outcome of the complaint: Upheld

Date: August/September 2024

Title and Author: Cinderella is Dead by Katlynn Bayron

Nature of the Complaint: Complaint about age appropriateness for an S2 pupil and the LGBTQ+ nature of the book.

The outcome of the complaint: Upheld