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I would like to request the following information. For the purposes of this request, I would prefer the data on physical discipline, where recorded, to be broken down into:

- Common assault; and
- Light smacking (actions that would previously have been regarded as reasonable punishment prior to the Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Act 2019).

Please can you provide me with copies of your organisation's guidance on dealing with complaints relating to the Children (Equal Protection from Assault) (Scotland) Act 2019?

Please see the guidance attached.
[Equal protection – staff briefing.doc](#)
[Equal Protection – 1st Anniversary letter from Scot Gov](#)

[If complaints are meant in the traditional sense, we do not have a separate complaints procedure or guidance. All complaints are handled in line with the Council's Complaint Handling Procedure \(attached\).](#)

Please can you provide me with the number of reports your organisation received prior to the implementation of the Equal Protection Act, and after its implementation, relating to physical discipline involving either a) staff members or b) members of the public?

[This information is not held in a manner which can be reported on. Incidents would be recorded in one of several places \(Contact reason, IRD abuse types\), none of which have a specific code in drop down lists that is specifically 'physical discipline/light smacking'](#)

Please can you send copies of all internal emails from your communications/PR department to the senior management team relating to how to handle inquiries into cases involving physical discipline?

[No emails/communications to the senior management team relating to how to handle inquiries into cases involving physical discipline have been circulated.](#)

Please can you provide me with a copy of all correspondence with the Scottish Government relating to requests for data/evidence relating to physical discipline?

[Please see the attached.](#)

Please can you provide me with data on the amount of time and money spent on training within your organisation relating to the introduction of the Equal Protection Act?

[We do not hold this information. We no longer carry out specific training.](#)

Please can you provide me with the number of referrals to your organisation relating to physical discipline in each of the five years prior to the Equal Protection Act's

implementation, and in each of the five years since the Act's implementation?

We do not record this level of detail at the point of referral so are unable to provide this information.

In how many cases has your organisation provided "proportionate co-ordinated support" to families where concerns relating to physical discipline of a child have been raised, in line with the National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland 2021 (updated 2023)?

We do not record this level of detail at the point of referral so are unable to provide this information.

Please provide any documentation, reports, case studies, or internal assessments relating to how your organisation provides "proportionate co-ordinated support" to families where concerns relating to physical discipline of a child have been raised, in line with the National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland 2021 (updated 2023)

Please see the following links to the information which is publicly available:
[Edinburgh and the Lothians Multi-agency Child Protection Procedures](#) and
[Getting It Right for Every Child \(GIRFEC\) – The City of Edinburgh Council](#) resources