

Dear

I am writing in response to your request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) to be provided with information on the following in relation to the following:

(1) From January 2015, the number of challenges initiated by any party, whether school or otherwise, and whether in law or otherwise, against Estyn inspection reports or events leading up to the report publication stage.

(2) From January 2015, the number of challenges initiated by any party, whether school or otherwise, against inspection reports or the events leading up to inspection reports that were successful or upheld, either in law or otherwise.

Under FOIA, Estyn is required to:

- (i) confirm or deny whether it holds the information of the description specified in the request
- (ii) communicate the information requested to the applicant

Having reviewed the data held by Estyn I can confirm the following:

2015 – 10 complaints / external challenges to primary and secondary school reports (5 primary, 5 secondary).

1 report subsequently changed (to address minor factual accuracy)

2016 - 5 complaints / external challenges to primary and secondary school reports (All primary)

2 reports subsequently changed – in one case, material change was already being agreed as part of internal quality assurance process, concurrently to challenge being made; in other case, change was minor and related to factual accuracy

2017 - 8 complaints / external challenges to primary and secondary school reports (6 primary, 2 secondary).

1 report subsequently changed (to address minor factual accuracy)

2018 (to date) - 8 complaints / external challenges to primary and secondary school reports (6 primary, 2 secondary).

3 reports changed – in one case, changes made to Welsh text following accuracy issues highlighted in initial pre-proofread draft; in second case, changes made to English text following accuracy issues identified in pre-publication draft; in third case, minor re-wording made to one recommendation prior to publication of report

I hope that this information is helpful to you.

If you are not satisfied with the response Estyn has made regarding your request for information, you are entitled to request that we review the matter. Your request for a review should be addressed to the Feedback and Complaints Manager, and receive no later than 20 working days after the date of this communication.

If you are still not satisfied, you also have a right to complain to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at:

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Yn gywir / Yours sincerely

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