

**FOI 202000042069: RELEASED DOCUMENTS**

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Good morning [redacted]

This has come into the SG Complaints mailbox, Its on MiCase 11918 do you want it treated as a complaint?

The email enquiry below was received at the Central Enquiry Unit today.

I would be grateful if you would deal with this or forward it to the appropriate person / area of business.

***You may wish to acknowledge receipt of this email to the enquirer.***

Many thanks,

[redacted]

Central Enquiry Unit

Ext: [redacted]

[redacted]|| Enquiry Officer | iTECS: Central Enquiry Unit | Digital Directorate | Scottish Government | Ext: [redacted] | Tel: 0131 244 [redacted]

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**From:** SG Complaints <[SGComplaints@gov.scot](mailto:SGComplaints@gov.scot)>

**Sent:** 24 January 2020 09:11

**To:** Central Enquiry Unit <[CEU@gov.scot](mailto:CEU@gov.scot)>

**Subject:** FW: Transgender School's Guidance

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**From:** [redacted]

**Sent:** 24 January 2020 09:11:17

**To:** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills; SG Complaints

**Subject:** Re: Transgender School's Guidance

**Auto forwarded by a Rule**

Hello,

I would like to complain that I have had no acknowledgement of this email, nor a reply.

Thanks,

[redacted]

On 7 Jan 2020, at 21:19, [redacted] wrote:

Looking for a response to this please.

On 2 Dec 2019, at 16:52, [redacted] wrote:

Hello,

I was consulted by EHRC regarding their draft transgender schools guidance (please see below).

I am writing to request to be consulted on the Scottish Government's guidance on the same topic.

I have previously worked for [redacted] and am the [redacted] of the [redacted] of the LGBTYS guidance.

Many thanks,

[redacted]

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Freedom of Information <[foi@equalityhumanrights.com](mailto:foi@equalityhumanrights.com)>

**Date:** 5 November 2019 at 10:24:32 GMT

**Subject: FOI Disclosure Notification**

Hello,

I'm getting in touch to notify you that we have received a number of Freedom of Information requests to release the list of organisations which have received a pre-publication copy of our Transgender guidance for schools, or who we have spoken with, met with or exchanged email correspondence with in relation to the guidance in its draft form.

In response to these Freedom of Information requests and in line with our statutory obligations we will be providing the name of your organisation. No personal data or any views shared will be provided in response to these requests.

I'm getting in touch to make you aware in case you receive requests for information and to allow you to notify your communications team.

Best wishes,

[redacted]

Director of Compliance

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Many thanks [redacted].

Issuing to journalist just now.

[redacted]

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Media Monitoring Unit

**From:** [redacted] **On Behalf Of** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

**Sent:** 04 February 2020 13:28

**To:** [redacted]; Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills

<[DFMCSE@gov.scot](mailto:DFMCSE@gov.scot)>

**Cc:** [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; News Desk <[Newsdesk@gov.scot](mailto:Newsdesk@gov.scot)>;

Communications DFM & Education <[CommunicationsDFM&Education@gov.scot](mailto:CommunicationsDFM&Education@gov.scot)>; Communications

CSSE <[CommunicationsCSSE@gov.scot](mailto:CommunicationsCSSE@gov.scot)>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]

**Subject:** RE: For clearance: Transgender guidance for schools - BBC Scotland - The Nine

Hi [redacted],

DFM has cleared this.

Thanks,

[redacted]

[redacted] Private Secretary to John Swinney MSP | Deputy First Minister of Scotland and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills | Scottish Government | St Andrew's House | Edinburgh | EH1 3DG | 0131 244

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**From**[redacted]  
**Sent:** 04 February 2020 13:17  
**To:** Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills <[DFMCSE@gov.scot](mailto:DFMCSE@gov.scot)>  
**Cc**[redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; News Desk <[Newsdesk@gov.scot](mailto:Newsdesk@gov.scot)>; Communications DFM & Education <[CommunicationsDFM&Education@gov.scot](mailto:CommunicationsDFM&Education@gov.scot)>; Communications CSSE <[CommunicationsCSSE@gov.scot](mailto:CommunicationsCSSE@gov.scot)>; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]; [redacted]  
**Subject:** For clearance: Transgender guidance for schools - BBC Scotland - The Nine

DFM/PO

I'd be grateful for clearance to issue the below on transgender guidance for schools. SpAds and policy are content. The journalist has asked for a response for today.

Thanks,

[redacted]

**QUERY**

We're looking at doing a report around the Gender Recognition Act and some wider transgender issues.

A couple of parents and organisations have told us that the Scottish Government is releasing new transgender guidance for schools.

I wondered if you could tell me more about that and when it will be released.

**LINE TO TAKE**

A Scottish Government spokesperson said:

"We are committed to ensuring that all children and young people get the support they need to reach their full potential.

"The Cabinet Secretary for Social Security and Older People confirmed that we will bring forward updated guidance in this area. It is intended that this will be published shortly and will be subject to an Equality Impact Assessment as well as a Child Rights and Wellbeing Impact Assessment."

**Background**

The Cabinet Secretary's statement to Parliament on 20 June is available [here](#).

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