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Enclosure 1

**From:** [REDACTED] **Sent:** 07 April 2021 18:27  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Roseanna.Cunningham.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:Roseanna.Cunningham.msp@parliament.scot); [Elizabeth.Smith.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:Elizabeth.Smith.msp@parliament.scot);  
[Murdo.Fraser.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:Murdo.Fraser.msp@parliament.scot); [Mick.Wilson@gov.scot](mailto:Mick.Wilson@gov.scot)  
**Subject:** RE: HWC

Thanks [REDACTED].

That's a lot of information.

I am still unclear what business it is of the state regarding my child's sleeping pattern or their self perception or what their relationship with their peers is?

Re consent – thank you for the clarification that that responsibility still lies with me, the parent.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 07 April 2021 10:24  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** RE: HWC

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 06 April 2021 12:01  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [Roseanna.Cunningham.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:Roseanna.Cunningham.msp@parliament.scot); [Elizabeth.Smith.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:Elizabeth.Smith.msp@parliament.scot);  
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**Subject:** RE: HWC

Hi [REDACTED],

I'd refer back to my previous comments, I feel it is intrusive, unnecessary and a waste of expertise and resource.

As with much communication from Government I am uncertain regarding the specifics regarding why you need this information? Has the information being requested via this census been approved by the Information Commissioner?

Having read your statement below I am none the wiser:

*“The data gathered will first and foremost provide the local authority, their schools, and their CPP with a consistent evidence base in which to assess, monitor and drive forward improvements in the health and wellbeing outcomes of their children and young people.”*

What does that even mean?

I remain unclear regarding what business it is of the state regarding my child's sleeping pattern or their self perception or what their relationship with their peers is? Specifically which “wellbeing outcomes” will this data be used to develop services around? My child's welfare is my concern, not Governments. Appreciate that is not the case for all children therefore I would suggest that Government target their expertise and resource on those children rather than spending it on some census.

I can only imagine the number of hours it has taken to “develop” this scheme and quite frankly I do not have the time or inclination to read reams of gobbledygook which I cannot understand.

With regards to my question, whose consent is required – the child's or the child's parents? I am still none the wiser. You have said it is up to everybody “parents, carers and children and young people”, so does that mean that even if the parent refuses consent the child can still complete it under their own consent?

Please note my criticism of the proposal is not criticism of yourself, you have been most helpful, even if I am unclear regarding some of your communication.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 06 April 2021 09:47

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Cc:** [Roseanna.Cunningham.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:Roseanna.Cunningham.msp@parliament.scot); [Elizabeth.Smith.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:Elizabeth.Smith.msp@parliament.scot); [Murdo.Fraser.msp@parliament.scot](mailto:Murdo.Fraser.msp@parliament.scot)

**Subject:** RE: HWC

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 06 April 2021 09:08

**To:** [REDACTED]

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**Subject:** RE: HWC

Thanks for the quick reply [REDACTED], much appreciated.

With regards to consent, whose consent is required – the child's or the child's parents?

Just so you are aware I think it's a gross invasion of privacy. Quite frankly I don't see how it is any business of the Governments what my child's sleeping pattern is, or their self perception, or relationships with peers. Does the Government just want to raise my children for me?

What is the comparison survey for adults so that Government can find out what services they need to develop for adult health? I haven't filled in a "Health and Wellbeing Census" so why for children?

Is there no waiting time information, or service demand information to see which services young people are looking to access? What about the CAMS waiting times?

I think it's a terrible idea and waste of precious Government and Regional Council expertise and resource that could be better served being deployed elsewhere.

Kindest regards

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 06 April 2021 08:33

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** RE: HWC

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 05 April 2021 15:05

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** HWC

**Importance:** High

Hi,

Can you confirm if the HWC is mandatory for all schools to undertake (incl Private Schools)?

What is the punishment for the school for failing to undertake the HWC?

Is it mandatory for all children to complete the HWC?

If a child fails to complete the HWC what is the punishment?

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

End of Enclosure 1

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Enclosure 2

> -----Original Message-----  
> From: [REDACTED]  
> Sent: 17 November 2021 19:12  
> To: [REDACTED]  
> Subject: Re health and well being survey  
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> Hello  
>  
> Could you tell me whether or not the survey has a design for children with learning disabilities to be able to complete and participate in this. In the current format my son would struggle to complete this  
>  
> Kind regards  
> [REDACTED]

End of Enclosure 2

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Enclosure 3

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 23 November 2021 09:04  
**To:** Central Enquiry Unit <CEU@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** FOI School Pupil Census 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

Please can you forward me the questions in the School Pupil Census 2021 which pupils are being asked to answer on line and additional guidance information. I have searched the ScotGov website and have found nothing related to this.

Your assistance is much appreciated.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

End of Enclosure 3

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Enclosure 4

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 24 November 2021 09:21

To: Scottish Health Survey <[Scottish\\_Health\\_Survey@gov.scot](mailto:Scottish_Health_Survey@gov.scot)>

Subject: Concerning questions

Hi I was recently made aware that this health and wellbeing survey for schools, contains some rather detailed and explicit questions regarding sexual activity, and that this survey will be given to children from p5 ! So as a mother I found this information to be rather concerning, so I was wondering if it would be possible to get a copy of this survey to check over it, or where I can get access to a copy to read over it and make sure these questions are suitable for my children many thanks [REDACTED] Sent from my iPhone

End of Enclosure 4

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Enclosure 5

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 24 November 2021 13:01

**To:** [REDACTED] **Subject:** Young Adults Questionnaire

Dear [REDACTED],

Where do we commence with this necessitous questionnaire which I find repugnant which I can assume coming from a learned person such as yourself?

Based on the questionnaire I would assume this would have been drafted by a steering group which you would have been responsible for in relation to the devised questions which were stringent and clearly set out.

Please see comments from points placed on social media which will include your details.

There is a minimum requirement for morality for ethical or noble conformity to our young citizens. The SNP needs to adjust its moral compass, to include decency, and moral empathy. It seems now that [Scot.gov](http://Scot.gov) under SNP is completely incapable of even meeting these minimums of codes or accepted notions required by a Government. The SNP cannot even talk to Scotland about policy, who are leveling these deviant questionnaires which are tantamount to the sexual wandering of predators in its ranks. God's most lordly of gifts to us all is the decency of mind and body. Well done to West Lothian Council for seeing and recognising the indignant necessitous cesspit from where this questionnaire rose from.

[REDACTED] I would really suggest cleaning up your act.

[REDACTED]

End of Enclosure 5

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Enclosure 6

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 29 November 2021 12:59  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Pupil Census

Hi [REDACTED]

Thanks for your response, it is good to know that these are not compulsory but I feel more parents would be happy to have the questionnaire carried out if they were more aware of the questions it contains.

Is there any way you could send me a copy of the questions for P5 - S3 or would I have to submit a freedom of information request?

Best Regards  
[REDACTED]

On 29 Nov 2021 12:00, [REDACTED] wrote:

[REDACTED]

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 November 2021 10:53  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Pupil Census

Good Morning.

I am looking for clarification on the stance of North Lanarkshire Council on the Scottish Governments pupil census.

I have seen the screenshots attached on social media and as the parent partnership chair person for [REDACTED] I had it confirmed to me by our previous head teacher that very intrusive questions have been asked in the past eg how often parents smoke/drink, who sleeps where etc but nothing on this scale. Yes questions like this may highlight at risk children but they are totally unacceptable for children as young as 9 who are not at risk and are as would be expected not aware of anything sexual at such a young age. These kind of questions may be acceptable for teenagers but not primary school children!

It has come to light that at least one other local authority has refused to take part in this so again could you please clarify NLCs stance?

Best Regards

[REDACTED]

End of Enclosure 6

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Enclosure 7

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 25 November 2021 18:49  
**To:** Scottish Ministers <Scottish\_Ministers@gov.scot>  
**Subject:** Fwd: Census P5-S6-- URGENT

Below is an email I sent to our local head of education.

I sincerely hope this is not true. How can you ask a child in these age groups such questions?

How perverted do such questions sound?  
What is wrong with you if it is true?

I look forward to an urgent reply on this matter.

[REDACTED]

----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Date:** Thu, 25 Nov 2021, 16:14  
**Subject:** Census P5-S6  
**To:** [REDACTED]

Good afternoon.

Could you please put my mind at rest that this will never be a form/questionnaire ever given to children.

I appreciate that this is copied a social media post.

But I need the have my mind put to rest.

This is very alarming and to be honest quite a repulsive set of questions to be asking children, especially some as young as 8/9 years old (P5)

Below is a copy of what I seen

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Absolutely horrified today, that the Scottish Government has instructed all Scottish Councils to carry out a "Census" to P5 to Secondary 6 children asking them if they have had anal or vaginal sex (penetrative sex) also asking "what sexual experience if you had? □□□ my advice is to Facebook friends with children, contact your Regional Council and protect your children!!!!

I today contacted West Lothian Council and this is their response below, which we personally applaud as parents.

"This is the response from Education Services: - "All of the Heads of Service for Education reviewed the questions which formed this national health and wellbeing survey, and we too had concerns. Therefore we contacted Scottish Government and said that we would not be issuing this survey as it currently stands. Local authorities were told that they could make limited changes however this was not sufficient in our opinion given the level of details being requested and lack of clarity over parental consent."

"I hope that helps to allay any worries."

"I trust this information clarifies the position at West Lothian Council" 🙌

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I will be writing to the Scottish government also but as schools in this area are instructed by you I thought I'd ask you first. Plus I'm quite sure they will not respond.

[REDACTED]

End of Enclosure 7

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Enclosure 8

**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** 29 November 2021 18:53

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Health and Wellbeing Census

Dear [REDACTED],

I left you a voicemail today regarding aspects of the 2021/2022 school pupil survey as I have a few questions about the compilation of this year's questions. I've spent quite some time looking through the documentation relating to the Health and Wellbeing Census on the Scottish Government website and I'm struggling to find the after I am after. I'm hoping you will be able to help with the following 3 questions :-

*The Scottish Government established a national Health and Wellbeing Questionnaire Content Group in April 2018 with a remit of creating a complete set of age/stage appropriate questions for use in a Health and Wellbeing Census, and then to draw on these questions to produce a recommended set of questionnaires.*

1. Would it be possible for you to direct me to documentation detailing who was in/the groups represented on the Health and Wellbeing Questionnaire Content Group, please?

*By and large, the questions being used in the census have been derived from existing health and well-being surveys which have already been tested, used in existing surveys, and ethically approved.*

2. Would it be possible for you to direct me to the documentation relating to the ethical approval route for each of the questions, please? Particularly the new questions introduced to the 2021/2022 survey
3. Would it be possible for you to direct me to a set of the questions to be presented to pupils please? And can you confirm if parents will be sent a copy of the questions prior to granting/withdrawing consent for their child to complete the survey, please?

Kind regards  
[REDACTED]

End of Enclosure 8

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Enclosure 9

From: [REDACTED]  
To: [REDACTED]  
Sent: Tuesday, 30 November 2021, 11:52:32 GMT  
Subject: School Wellbeing Survey

Dear Ms [REDACTED]

I have been advised to contact you regarding the Scottish Government's wellbeing survey for S4 - S6 pupils.

I would be grateful if you could furnish me with the following information:

Who in the Scottish Government:

- compiled the questions for the survey
- signed the survey off as appropriate and acceptable
- needs to know the sexual activity of pupils
- can explain the relevance of different sexual experiences i.e anal or vaginal sex to a health and wellbeing survey

- knows the sexual activity of their own children and would share it with strangers
- is going to let their children answer these questions even if they are of age

I appreciate there is an opt out clause for the survey, however the fact that someone deems these questions necessary is bordering on perversion. The idea that this survey is beneficial to anyone other than the architect would be laughable if it wasn't so worrying.

As a parent of a 15 yr old on S5 I am appalled and disgusted by this totally unnecessary line of questioning for these pupils.

I await your response to the above 6 points in anticipation

Regards  
[REDACTED]

End of Enclosure 9

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