

Dear Emma Smith

Thank you for your request for information, which was received on 18/03/2026 08:10 . You requested:

1. *Incident List*

*A list of all serious incidents of harm and child deaths that occurred in school or college settings in England between 1 January 2021 and 1 January 2026, where the primary cause or contributing factor was a medical or health-related incident, including but not limited to:*

- allergies or anaphylaxis*
- chronic medical conditions*
- acute medical events*
- incidents involving delegated healthcare tasks*

*For each incident, please provide (where available and not exempt under FOIA):*

- the date of the incident*
- the type of setting (e.g., primary school, secondary school, sixth form college, FE college)*
- a brief description of the nature of the medical/health incident*
- whether the incident resulted in serious harm or death*

2. *Reports, Reviews, and Publications*

*For each incident listed in Part 1, please provide or identify any associated:*

- Coroners' Prevention of Future Deaths (Regulation 28) reports,*
- DfE internal reports or reviews,*
- Correspondence with the Department of Health and Social Care, NHS England and/or the Health and Safety Executive*
- serious incident notifications,*
- published case reviews, or*
- any other documents held by the Department referring to these events.*

*Where the documents are already publicly available, please provide the URL or citation.*

3. *Clarification of the Statement in KCSIE Draft Para 243*

*Please confirm whether the incidents referenced in paragraph 243:*

- originate from a specific data source, dataset, or internal analysis, and*
- if so, please supply that source or analysis (or the title of the dataset if it cannot be disclosed).*

I have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act").

The Department does not collect data or information of serious incidents of harm or child deaths arising from medical conditions. Therefore, the Department does not have reports, reviews, and publications to share in relation to this request.

Paragraph 243 in the draft update to KCSIE states the following:

*"Although serious incidents of harm and even child deaths have occurred in school and college settings, a child having a medical condition (including allergies and conditions requiring delegated healthcare tasks) is not in itself an indicator that a child is at greater safeguarding risk. In the event of a clinical incident taking place in a school or college, the responsible healthcare professional, in conjunction with the DSL should consider whether any safeguarding duty has been triggered and whether any further action is required based on the nature of the incident. Further information is provided in our statutory guidance on supporting Pupils at School with Medical Conditions".*

The department intends to publish new statutory guidance for schools on supporting children and young people with medical conditions and allergy. This draft guidance has been published for consultation in order that it can come into effect from the new academic year, September 2026 - [Medical conditions at school: statutory guidance](#).

This guidance will set out clear expectations for how schools should deliver a culture where pupils with medical conditions (including allergy) are not only supported and kept safe but also fully included in school life. It will also seek to clarify that a serious incident arising from a medical condition does not necessarily constitute a safeguarding issue. This mirrors the wording in our draft statutory guidance on at pages 41-2.

The consultation on the updated version of the guidance will run until 1 May 2026 and can be found here: [Proposal on support for pupils with medical conditions at school - GOV.UK](#).

If you have any queries about the above, or need to contact us further, please visit <https://www.education.gov.uk/contactus> and quote your reference number.

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled, you should make a complaint to the Department by writing to me within two calendar months of the date of this communication. Your complaint will be considered by an independent review panel comprising officials who were not involved in the original consideration of your request.

If you are not content with the outcome of any such complaint to the Department, you may then contact the Information Commissioner's Office.

Yours sincerely

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