

CABINET
8 SEPTEMBER 2026

**MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET – QUESTIONS FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING ON THE 16
JULY 2026 REFERRED TO CABINET FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Question referred:

Because there are no nationally collated statistics on crimes in leisure centres, I wrote FOIs to Durham Constabulary and the council requesting the data on sexual offences committed in the Dolphin Centre since 2006. The police response showed there had been 8 incidents since 2016. The single sex spaces recorded nil episodes; the changing village recorded 2. (The other incidents weren't listed with a specific location). Worryingly, the two FOI responses don't correlate: the council doesn't appear to have recorded any incidents, and the response curtailed the timeframe I asked about to only 3.5 years. Now it could be that pool users don't inform the staff about incidents, but Durham Constabulary has records of incidents. It appears that the council don't have reliable systems in place for knowing what has happened on their premises nor adequate processes to address issues.