

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA071217-7012

5 January 2018

Dear ██████████

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 7 December 2017. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information about schools or colleges which have hosted talks to pupils by the charity, Narconon (UK charity number 1159334).

Because your request refers to 'the council', I should clarify that the GLA is London's strategic government and does not operate in the same way as local authorities. In London the information you are interested in is more likely to be held by the individual local Borough Councils: <https://www.london.gov.uk/in-my-area>. However, the GLA does have some contact with schools and we have considered your request.

Please find below the information we hold within the scope of your request:

1) Has the council received any complaints about Narconon talks to pupils hosted by schools or colleges over the past two calendar years (January 2016 – December 2017)? If so, please can you provide details of the nature of the complaint, which school/college the talk was hosted at and whether any action was taken.

The GLA has not received any complaints.

2) Does the council offer any advice or guidance to schools or colleges who are approached by Narconon to host talks to pupils?

We have issued information to the [Healthy Schools](#) lead officers in the London Boroughs about Narconon's links with The Church of Scientology.

3) Is the council aware of any schools or colleges which have hosted Narconon talks to pupils over the past two calendar years (January 2016 – December 2017)? If so, please can you provide details including which school/college hosted the talk and the date. In cases where Narconon talks have been hosted by schools/colleges in that period, please

can you detail whether any publicity or campaign material was handed out to pupils or the school/college by the charity.

Some instances have been reported in the media. However the GLA does not hold information relating to Narconon talks in schools since January 2016, or details of any materials handed out to the school or pupils.

If you have any further questions relating to this matter, please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA071217-7012.

Yours sincerely

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<https://www.london.gov.uk/about-us/governance-and-spending/sharing-our-information/freedom-information>