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Dear Headteachers and Chairs of Governors

Allergy and anaphylaxis training for Officers from the Education & Skills Service and Children's Social Care visiting schools

I am writing to inform headteachers and governing bodies that members of staff from Northumberland County Council (NCC) Education & Skills Service (including Northumberland Music) and Children's Social Care, who work directly with pupils, have recently undertaken allergy and anaphylaxis training.

The staff member will be able to provide you with a certificate as evidence that they successfully completed the training.

If an NCC staff member who attends your school is not working directly with pupils they should not be asked to present a certificate.

The DfE guidance states, "All staff present during times when pupils are scheduled to be on site should receive allergy awareness training. This includes permanent staff, temporary staff, supply teachers, peripatetic staff, agency workers and regular volunteers. It includes catering staff and others who may oversee children and young people at breakfast or after school clubs. It is not intended to include contractors carrying out work with no pupil-facing role such as builders, electricians or other ad hoc maintenance personnel." (page 25 - [Allergy safety in schools statutory guidance](#))

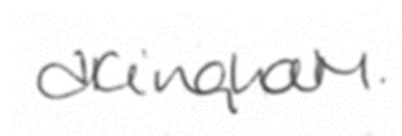
We would expect schools to provide a member of staff who is working with a child with the requisite information so that they could react appropriately should a potential allergic reaction/anaphylaxis occur.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact

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Yours sincerely



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