

## SPSO decision report

**Case:** 201004962, Aberdeenshire Council  
**Sector:** local government  
**Subject:** primary school  
**Outcome:** not upheld, no recommendations

### Summary

Mr C's complaint arose from an incident in a primary school playground, where Mr C's seven year old son was injured as a result of older boys drawing a skipping rope across his son's throat. The incident was not witnessed by an adult but was reported by Mrs C to the head teacher at close of school and was also reported to the police. As a result of the police investigation, charges were made against two boys, but the charges against one of them was dropped.

The head teacher's actions were outside jurisdiction. The investigation did not find that the Education Service had failed to take the matter seriously, nor that they had failed as an Education Service to record accurately details of the incident. Action to prevent recurrence fell to the head teacher.