

NUT welcomes Bichard report's recommendation but reject fingerprinting of staff

Commenting on the findings and recommendations of the Bichard Inquiry, Doug McAvoy, NUT General Secretary, said:

“From the start, the NUT’s aim has been to ensure that children are fully protected whilst at the same time ensuring there are adequate safeguards for teachers from false allegations.

“Many of the recommendations are supportive of this approach but the recommendation that fingerprints should be used as a means of verifying identity is unnecessary and excessive. There is nothing from the enquiry showing that fingerprints or any other form of intrusive identification procedure is necessary.

“The full implementation of the other recommendations, properly resourced, should ensure thorough procedures for clearance of those working with children and prevent any repeat of the tragic circumstances giving rise to this enquiry.”

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