Anne braves the shave for cancer charity

A woman has succumbed to the scissors and dared to Brave the Shave for the Macmillan cancer charity.

Anne Miller, 43, from Briston, and a senior personal assistant at Gresham Senior School, said: "Macmillan is a great organisation and it was a fun way of raising money without doing any exercise. My dad died five years ago of cancer and the Macmillan nurses did a fantastic job.

"I keep catching my reflection and being surprised – I do however love the feel of it!"

Anne's original fundraising goal was to reach £500, but the total raised stands at £1,200.

"I am very overwhelmed by the response and donations," she said.

More than 21,000 people have braved the shave so far with the total donated standing at more than £3m.

To donate, visit Anne's Brave the Shave page at https://bravetheshave.org.uk/shavers/anne-miller/

request to name the schools causing concern refused

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Names of the 72 schools Norfolk County believes are a cause for concern will remain secret, after the authority rejected a Freedom of Information request by the EDP.

The council updated its risk assessment for all the county's schools at the end of the academic year, placing them into three broad categories, based on their exam results, reported last month, one in six fell into the bottom category, requiring improvement or were yet to be judged "good" by Ofsted, and the council will intervene to improve standards, while 119 schools were rated good or outstanding.

"Such exchanges occur in an expectation of confidence, allowing schools to share and discuss details of the school's risk assessment, to be shared and ideas to be discussed freely and frankly at their initial stages, to enable the widest possible variety of views and proposals for improvement to be put forward for decision-making.

The EDP has appealed against the decision, arguing parents have the right to know how schools are judged, and transparency would increase public confidence in efforts to improve education. It also argued the release of the information would give parents up-to-date information about all schools, as nearly 180 Ofsted judgments about Norfolk schools are at least two years old, with the oldest dating back to February 2007.

In a statement, the council said it had given details of the appeal process.

The situation mirrors that in Suffolk, where the county council rejected to say how it had rated individual schools in March, using its Red, Amber and Green (RAG) system.

It rejected a Freedom of Information request from the EDP's sister paper, the East Anglian Daily Times, saying releasing the ratings would cause a "chilling effect" and prevent "free and frank" advice or prevent exchange of views between education officers and schools.

The newspaper last month said it had asked the Information Commissioner to review this decision.

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