



## 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 Bristol, 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/>

Main picture: MARK BULLIMORE

Miller before and after the Brave the Shave for Macmillan.

# Request to name the schools giving cause for concern refused

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Names of the 72 schools Norfolk County Council 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 assessments of all the county's schools at the end of the academic year, placing them into three broad categories, based on their exam results. As reported last month, one in six schools fell into the bottom category, meaning the council will intervene to improve standards, while 119 schools required improvement or were judged "good" by Ofsted and were rated good or outstanding. The council declined to say

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the EDP sought the list using the Freedom of Information Act.

Now, in an email refusing the request, the council said: "Disclosure of the risk assessments and categories would be likely to inhibit the free and frank exchange of views for the purpose of deliberation on the progress of the school.

"Such exchanges occur in an expectation of confidence, allowing

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 deliberation prior to decisions being made."

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 refused 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 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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