



**Westmorland and Furness
Safeguarding Children
Partnership**

Outcomes of Allegations

Substantiated

There is sufficient identifiable evidence to prove the allegation.

Malicious

There is clear evidence to prove there has been a deliberate act to deceive and the allegation is entirely false.

Unfounded

There is no evidence or proper basis which supports the allegation being made. It might also indicate that the person making the allegation misinterpreted the incident or was mistaken about what they saw. Alternatively they may not have been aware of all the circumstances.

Unsubstantiated

This is not the same as a false allegation. It means that there is insufficient evidence to prove or disprove the allegation. The term, therefore, does not imply guilt or innocence.

False

There is sufficient evidence to disprove the allegation.