

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002681
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Children in care/detentions

Request:

Please respond to the following FOI request:

1. Please detail the number of children taken into care by your local authority as a result of the detention of a parent by the Home Office and/or immigration services in the last 5 years. If possible for each case, please provide details of the age of the child, the length of their stay in care, the year it took place and any details about the case that would not violate data protection laws.
[Following reasonable enquiries, it has been established that the Council does not hold the above requested information.](#)

[Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1\(1\) \(a\) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 \("The Act"\), that states:](#)

["Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".](#)

2. Please detail number of children in the care of your local authority who have gone missing in the last 5 years. Break down these figures by those children taken into care by your local authority as a result of the detention of a parent by the Home Office and/or immigration services, and those who have not. If possible for each case, please provide details of the age of the child, the length of their stay in care, the year it took place and any details about the case that would not violate data protection laws.

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Number of missing incidents in each financial year	325	407	402

[We record which children were in care at the time they went missing but we cannot differentiate if they were taken into care as a result of the detention of a parent by the Home Office and/or immigration services. Therefore, we cannot break down the information for the rest of the question.](#)