



Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 031526
Date 6 March 2015

Children taken into Care

Request:

1. How many children they have had taken into care from families where there has been a history of domestic violence in: 2012/13 and 2013/14.
2. What proportion this is of the total number of children taken into care in: 2012/13, 2013/14.
3. How many children are known to the youth offending team who from families where there has been a history of domestic violence in: 2012/13 and 2013/14.
4. What proportion this is of the total number of young people known to the local youth offending team in: 2012/13 and 2013/14.

Response:

With reference to your above questions, I can confirm that the Council holds information falling within the description specified in your request. However, Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 allows a public authority to refuse a request if the cost of providing the information to the applicant would exceed the 'appropriate limit' as defined by the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 as we are unable to isolate the information you require as this would involve going through each record we hold on our system and reading the notes to ascertain the information.

The Regulations provide that the appropriate limit to be applied to requests received by local authorities is £450 (equivalent to 2.5 days of work). In estimating the cost of complying with a request for information, an authority can only take into account any reasonable costs incurred in:

- “(a) determining whether it holds the information,*
- (b) locating the information, or a document which may contain the information,*
- (c) retrieving the information, or a document which may contain the information,*
and
- (d) extracting the information from a document containing it”.*

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For the purposes of the estimate the costs of performing these activities should be estimated at a rate of £25 per hour.

As such I believe that the aggregated time that it would take to collate the information would be in excess of 18 hours (equivalent to a notional cost of £450).