



Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 051552
Date 15 May 2015

Child Abuse and/or Neglect Allegations

Request:

Please supply the following information, in respect of **each of the last three years (1 April to 31 March)**:

- 1) The number of child abuse and/or neglect allegations against people who work with children notified to your Local Authority Designated Officer in respect of a child in your area placed or held in any of the following (*please provide data for each category of establishment*):
 - a) Children's home.
2012/13 - 15
2013/14 - 33
2014/15 – 9 = TOTAL 57
 - b) Secure children's home. 0
 - c) Independent boarding school (private boarding school that does not fall within category e) below). 2013/14 = 1
 - d) State boarding school (run by local council, academy or free school and

- does not fall within category e) below). 0
- e) Residential special school (NB schools which accommodate children for more than 295 days a year must be registered as children's homes, so please include data relating to those in a) above). 0
- f) Mental health inpatient unit. 0
- g) Hospital that does not fall within category f) above. 2013/14 = 1
- h) Young offender institution. 0
- i) Secure training centre. 0
- j) Immigration removal centre / detention (this includes Cedars pre-departure accommodation). 0
- k) Police custody. 0

2) The number of Section 47 enquiries* conducted in respect of a child in your area placed or held in any of the following (*please provide data for each category of establishment*):

- a) Children's home
3 for each year*
(3 substantiated in (2012/13))*
(2 substantiated in (2013/14))*
(1 substantiated in (2014/15))*
- b) Secure children's home. 0
- c) Independent boarding school (private boarding school that does not fall within category e) below). 0
- d) State boarding school (run by local council, academy or free school and does not fall within category e) below). 0
- e) Residential special school (NB schools which accommodate children for more than 295 days a year must be registered as children's homes, so please include data relating to those in a) above). 0
- f) Mental health inpatient unit. 0
- g) Hospital that does not fall within category f) above. 1 substantiated in 2014/15
- h) Young offender institution. 0

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- i) Secure training centre. 0
- j) Immigration removal centre / detention (this includes Cedars pre-departure accommodation). 0
- k) Police custody. 0

3) Using the headings below

ABUSE OR NEGLECT SUBSTANTIATED
ABUSE OR NEGLECT NOT SUBSTANTIATED
CHILD MOVED
OTHER CHILDREN IN ESTABLISHMENT INTERVIEWED
OTHER CHILDREN MOVED
MEMBER OF STAFF CONVICTED OF CRIMINAL OFFENCE
CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS ONGOING
MEMBER OF STAFF SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION
STAFF DISCIPLINARY PROCEEDINGS ONGOING
OTHER – PLEASE STATE

please provide details of the outcomes of Section 47 enquiries* conducted in respect of children in your area placed or held in any of the following (*please provide data for each category of establishment*):

- a) Children's home
- b) Secure children's home
- c) Independent boarding school (private boarding school that does not fall within category e) below)
- d) State boarding school (run by local council, academy or free school and does not fall within category e) below)
- e) Residential special school (NB schools which accommodate children for more than 295 days a year must be registered as children's homes, so please include data relating to those in a) above)
- f) Mental health inpatient unit

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- g) Hospital that does not fall within category f) above
- h) Young offender institution
- i) Secure training centre
- j) Immigration removal centre / detention (this includes Cedars pre-departure accommodation)
- k) Police custody

[See table below.](#)

PART TWO

- 4) Please state whether your local authority is investigating, or is aware of police or other investigations into, allegations of child abuse or neglect occurring in the past (at least 12 months ago) in children's homes or other residential establishments formerly or presently run by your local authority.

[None](#)

***Section 47 refers to Section 47 of the Children Act 1989.**

Response:

		Assessment Type	S47 Date Started	S47 Date Completed	Outcome	Placement Type
██████	██████	Section 47 Enquiry/Core Assessment	19/06/2012	29/06/2012	Substantiated	Children's home inside LA boundary
██████	██████████	Section 47 Enquiry/Core Assessment	11/10/2012	15/10/2012	Substantiated	Children's home inside LA boundary

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██████	██████	Section 47 Enquiry/Core Assessment	05/11/2012	16/01/2014	Substantiated	Children's home inside LA boundary
██████	██████	Section 47 Enquiry/Core Assessment	06/12/2012	31/12/2012	Substantiated	Children's home inside LA boundary
██████	██████	f) Section 47 Investigation / Outcome	22/01/2014	24/01/2014	Not Substantiated	Children's home inside LA boundary
██████	██████	f) Section 47 Investigation / Outcome	17/02/2014	10/03/2014	Substantiated	Children's home inside LA boundary
██████	██████	f) Section 47 Investigation / Outcome	14/05/2014	15/07/2014	Substantiated	Children's home inside LA boundary
██████	██████	f) Section 47 Investigation / Outcome	07/08/2014	23/09/2014	Not Substantiated	Children's home inside LA boundary
██████	██████	f) Section 47 Investigation / Outcome	23/10/2014	10/11/2014	Not Substantiated	Children's home inside LA boundary
██████	██████	f) Section 47 Investigation / Outcome	18/03/2015	27/03/2015	Substantiated	NHS / Health Trust / medical or nursing care estab

* Very low numbers have been suppressed to avoid identifying individuals. Please see below for more information about personal information.

Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act provides an absolute exemption from disclosure if providing the information would breach the Data Protection Act.

40 Personal information

(2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if—

- (a) it constitutes personal data which do not fall within subsection (1), and
- (b) either the first or the second condition below is satisfied.

(3) The first condition is—

- (a) in a case where the information falls within any of paragraphs (a) to (d) of the definition of “data” in section 1(1) of the Data Protection Act 1998, that

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the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene—

- (i) any of the data protection principles, or
 - (ii) section 10 of that Act (right to prevent processing likely to cause damage or distress), and
- (b) in any other case, that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene any of the data protection principles if the exemptions in section 33A(1) of the Data Protection Act 1998 (which relate to manual data held by public authorities) were disregarded.

The information is classified as 'personal data' and section 40(3)(a)(i) applies as releasing this information would breach the first Data Protection principle. This states that personal data shall be processed fairly and lawfully. It would be considered 'unfair' processing for us to release this personal information, as those involved would not expect this information to be made widely available in the public domain.

It is possible that an individual could be identified when combined with other information meaning there is a compelling case not to risk them being identified.