

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council's response to your questions is shown below.

You asked:

Freedom of Information Act request – child protection in the secure estate

Please provide the following information:

1. The total number of child protection referrals your local authority has received in the last five calendar years concerning a child in a:

- **Young offender institution**
- **Secure training centre**
- **Secure children's home**

There is no young offender Institution, secure training centre or secure children's home within the Local Authority. Child Protection referrals are not recorded under the categories listed above. To answer this and subsequent questions would require the manual trawl of all individual child protection cases referred and investigated over the past 5 years.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for local government is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending more than 18 hours in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

This is therefore a Refusal Notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act, because under the provisions of section 12.1 of the Act, the Council estimates that to comply with your request in its current form will exceed the appropriate limit.

2. The number of child protection referrals your local authority has received in the last five calendar years concerning a child in a young offender institution, secure training centre or secure children's home under the following categories:

- **Allegation of physical abuse – other child is alleged perpetrator**
- **Allegation of physical abuse – member of staff is alleged perpetrator**
- **Allegation of physical abuse – historic (i.e. not within current secure establishment)**

- **Allegation of emotional abuse – other child is alleged perpetrator**
- **Allegation of emotional abuse – member of staff is alleged perpetrator**

- Allegation of emotional abuse – historic (i.e. not within current secure establishment)
- Allegation of sexual abuse – other child is alleged perpetrator
- Allegation of sexual abuse – member of staff is alleged perpetrator
- Allegation of sexual abuse – historic (i.e. not within current secure establishment)
- Allegation of neglect – experienced by child in current establishment
- Allegation of neglect – historic (i.e. not within current secure establishment)

As above

3. The number of child protection referrals your local authority has received in the last five calendar years concerning a child in a young offender institution (YOI), secure training centre (STC) or secure children's home (SCH) from the following category of people / organisations:

- Child or young person
- Parent / carer (inc. foster carer)
- YOT worker / manager
- Lawyer
- Independent advocate
- Governor / manager of YOI
- Director / manager of STC
- SCH manager
- Youth Justice Board
- Prisons Inspectorate
- Ofsted
- Penal reform charity
- Chaplain
- Other (please specify)

As above

4. The number of child protection referrals your local authority has received in the last five calendar years concerning a child in a young offender institution that have resulted in:

- The local authority making enquiries about the child under Section 47 of the Children Act 1989
- A social worker (not based within the institution) speaking directly with the child concerned, in accordance with Section 47(5A) of the Children Act 1989
- A social worker (based within the institution) speaking directly with the child concerned
- The police being notified of a possible criminal offence
- A child protection conference being convened

- A child (or children) being subject to a child protection plan
- A member of staff in the establishment being prosecuted

As above

5. The number of child protection referrals your local authority has received in the last five calendar years concerning a child in a secure training centre that have resulted in:

- The local authority making enquiries about the child under Section 47 of the Children Act 1989
- A social worker (not based within the institution) speaking directly with the child concerned, in accordance with Section 47(5A) of the Children Act 1989
- A social worker (based within the institution) speaking directly with the child concerned
- The police being notified of a possible criminal offence
- A child protection conference being convened
- A child (or children) being subject to a child protection plan
- A member of staff in the establishment being prosecuted

As above

6. The number of child protection referrals your local authority has received in the last five calendar years concerning a child in a secure children's home that have resulted in:

- The local authority making enquiries about the child under Section 47 of the Children Act 1989
- A social worker (not based within the institution) speaking directly with the child concerned, in accordance with Section 47(5A) of the Children Act 1989
- A social worker (based within the institution) speaking directly with the child concerned
- The police being notified of a possible criminal offence
- A child protection conference being convened
- A child (or children) being subject to a child protection plan
- A member of staff in the establishment being prosecuted

As above

7. How many serious case reviews has your local authority established in the last five calendar years concerning a child who has died or been seriously injured whilst in a secure establishment?

None

8. If your local authority has a secure establishment(s) in its area, please provide a copy of your Local Safeguarding Children Board's last three

annual reports submitted to the Youth Justice Board on how effectively the establishment(s) is managing the use of restraint.

[Not applicable as no secure establishment within the Local Authority](#)

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LEICESTER LE1 6ZG
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