

## **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:**

**Under the Freedom of Information Act, can you please supply me with the following information:**

- 1. The number of domestic abuse cases discussed in Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conferences (MARACs) in 2012. How many of these were repeat cases?**

### **ANSWER**

Leicester City Council use the CAADA/ACPO DASH risk assessment approach for our MARAC in Leicester. At the operational management group we look at performance data using the CAADA template. This shows a running 12 month performance. The data following the December 2012 MARAC, as relevant to your questions, was as follows:

- MARAC cases: 233
- Number of repeat cases: 54 (23%)

- 2. The number of children in these families (new and repeat cases).**

- Number of children: 357

The Council does not keep separate records relating to this, therefore this part of the letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

- 3. The number of pets/animals in these families (new and repeat cases).**

The number of pets/animals in these cases is not currently recorded, therefore this part of the letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

We do have contracted provision to support people seeking safe accommodation with pets and this service reported no call on that aspect of provision during 2012 (although only established September 2012).

**If possible, I would also like to know:**

**4. Which high risk factors led to each MARAC being convened and which risk factors led to re-referral? (It would be helpful if these could be broken down on a case-by-case basis which also include the number of children and pets.)**

In terms of the risk factors present in these MARAC referrals, we are still developing the IT system that should allow us to view such data as when we did a more in-depth performance review report into our MARAC in 2012, the data we pulled for such a question did not appear easy to attain, or robust (when we did retrieve some data). Therefore this part of the letter acts as a refusal notice under section 17.1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 because, in accordance with section 1.1 of the Act, this information is not held by Leicester City Council.

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