

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:

I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

- 1. For each year since 2008/9, the number of section 17 arrangements that were agreed in regard to children aged under 11 years**
- 2. For each year since 2008/9, the number of section 17 arrangements that were agreed in regard to children aged 11 years and over**
- 3. For each year since 2008/9, the number of section 47 child protection plans that were undertaken in regard to children aged under 11 years**
- 4. For each year since 2008/9, the number of section 47 child protection plans that were undertaken in regard to children aged 11 years and over.**

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.

Across fieldwork we have between 1500 and 1800 open cases at any one time. In order to answer your request all open cases would need to be considered in order to identify the cohort; we would then need to drill down into each record identified in order to gather the case specific information you've requested. This process would then need repeating for the other years requested.

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.

- 5. For each year since 2008/9, the number of section 31 care orders that were granted in regard to children aged under 11 years**
- 6. For each year since 2008/9, the number of section 31 care orders that were granted in regard to children aged 11 years and over**

Care order Children Act Section 31

Year	Age Under 11	Age 11 and Over	TOTAL
2008-09	27	8	35
2009-10	25	18	43
2010-11	31	14	45
2011-12	29	13	42
2012-13	39	18	57
2013-14	7	7	14

7. For each year since 2008/9, the number of section 20 arrangements that were agreed in regard to children aged under 11 years
8. For each year since 2008/9, the number of section 20 arrangements that were agreed in regard to children aged 11 years and over

Single period of accommodation under section 20 of the Children Act

Year	Age Under 11	Age 11 and Over	TOTAL
2008-09	21	21	42
2009-10	7	38	45
2010-11	8	26	34
2011-12	10	33	43
2012-13	2	31	33
2013-14	22	30	52

9. Does the council have a team focused specifically on monitoring section 17 and section 47 arrangements concerning children aged 11 years and over (i.e. does not deal with cases under the age of 11 years)? If not, when did the council last operate a separate team focused solely on children aged over 11 (or teenage children broadly)?

The council does not have a specific team to capture this information.

The legislation allows you to use the information supplied for your own personal use, or for journalistic purposes. If the information is a dataset (which does not relate to the environment), you may also use the information for commercial re-use under an [Open Government Licence](#).

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please write to:

Information Governance Manager
Leicester City Council
Bosworth House
Ground Floor
9 – 15 Princess Road West
LEICESTER LE1 6TH
 e-mail: info.requests@leicester.gov.uk

Your request for internal review should be submitted to the above address within 40 (forty) working days of receipt by you of this response. Any such request received after this time will only be considered at the Council's absolute discretion.

You may also seek independent advice from the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow SK9 5AF
Telephone: 01625 545 700
www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk

Please be aware that the Information Commissioner does not normally consider requests until the internal appeals process of the Council has been exhausted. You are therefore advised to appeal to the Information Governance Manager before contacting the Commissioner.