

## 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:

**Please provide details together with supporting evidence of the numbers of children who live in care homes for the years 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2013.**

**Specifically, I would like to review;**

**How many children run away from care homes in 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2013?**

2010	32
2011	36
2012	47
2013	37

These figures include all episodes of missing/absences and internal & external residential homes.

**How many children were found safe in 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2013?**

All as above

**How many children were harmed in 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2013?**

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.

**How many children were missing by the end of the year, 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2013?**

2010	1
2011	3
2012	7
2013	5

All returned after the end of the year, in the following January.

## **How many were never found for the year; 2010, 2011, 2012 & 2013**

0, all were found.

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](mailto: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](http://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.