

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:

- 1. Other than statistics about the number of children on Child Protection Plans, what mechanisms does the local authority use to find out how many children in your area are at risk of or are experiencing neglect?**

The needs of children will be assessed at each contact by them or on their behalf with the authority. For those children assessed to be in need, the primary identified need is recorded on the authority's recording and reporting system. The primary category of need for each of these children/young people is regularly reviewed and amended if appropriate. The system has a single category of "Abuse or Neglect" and this need will be considered in all cases. In cases where "Abuse or Neglect" is not the primary category of need, appropriate notes will be made of any identified risks in this area. Analysis can be undertaken on the relative levels in each need category, the characteristics of those within the category and/or at an individual level.

- 2. How many children are at risk of experiencing neglect in your area?**

The authority uses the Children in Need (CIN) Census using the 'Neglect or Abuse' category available on its recording system. The figure for children 0-18 as at the 30th July 2014 is: 1225.

- 3. Do you know how many children have benefited from a reduction in domestic violence and are better cared for and safe?**

We do not keep specific data on this cohort therefore; this 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.

- 4. Do you regularly provide your LSCB with data on how many children in your area are at risk of or are experiencing neglect?**

No information is supplied on a regular basis.

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.