

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 sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information:

1. a) For each of the last 3 financial years (2013/14, 2012/13, 2011/12) please can you supply the number of referrals to social services because of concerns over dogs in the household
b) In each case please state whether the referral was due to concerns over: i) the aggressive nature of the dog ii) dog filth iii) other health concerns associated with the dog(s)

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2. a) For each of the last 3 financial years (2013/14, 2012/13, 2011/12) please can you supply the number of children placed on the "at risk" register over concerns about dogs in the household
b) In each case please state whether this was due to concerns over: i) the aggressive nature of the dog ii) dog filth iii) other health concerns associated with the dog(s)

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3. a) For each of the last 3 financial years (2013/14, 2012/13, 2011/12) please can you supply the number of children taken into care over concerns about dogs in the household
b) In each case please state whether this was due to concerns over: i) the aggressive nature of the dog ii) dog filth iii) other health concerns associated with the dog(s)

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4. For each of the last 3 financial years (2013/14, 2012/13, 2011/12) please can you supply the number of children taken into care or put on the "at risk" register due to concerns over other animals.

No children have been referred, placed at risk or come in to care with dogs or another animal cited as the reason for our involvement.

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.