

Request:

Under the freedom of information act I would like to know numerical statistics in order by year during the period of 1998 to 2008 (or as far back as you can go without charging me) for the following;

- 1) how many children were taken into local authority care on interim care orders and emergency protection orders under the category of emotional harm during the above period ? i do not wish you to include any children for any other categories of harm/abuse.
- 2) Out of these children who were taken into care for emotional harm how many of them were specifically for domestic violence between their parents? again i do not wish you to include children who had violence directed at them as that would fall into a different category being physical abuse.
- 3) Out of these children who were put into care for domestic violence how many were returned to family or extended family?
- 4) Out of these how many children were put on full care orders?
- 5) of the children put on full care orders how many were adopted during these period

Response:

I am writing to inform you that your request for information will not be fully processed as the cost of locating and retrieving this information exceeds the "appropriate limit" stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004 and therefore under Section 12(1) of the Act the Council is not obliged to comply with your request.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

The reason for this is that to provide the information requested would involve a manual trawl of files, e.g. to search only 45 children's files for 2007/08, would take half an hour per file.

However, in accordance with our duty to advise and assist, the attached information can be supplied within the time limit:

Please see accompanying document:

FOI Request.xls

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