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Dear B McKenzie,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - INFORMATION REQUEST REF No: 373567

Thank you for your information request, received on 7 October 2011, apologies for delay in sending this information to you.

Your requested the following information:

Please could you provide all statistical data you hold broken down year by year, in relation to Care Proceedings which commenced due to unexplained fractures in babies, going back from 2011 to whatever date is reasonable.

I am particularly interested in

- 1. The age of the child at the time of injury.
- 2. Name of the Hospital
- 3. Whether the Fractures had an organic explanation. (If so what was the cause eg. Brittle bones, Vitamin D deficiency etc)
- 4. Whether the Fractures were recorded as non accidental.
- 5. Whether a criminal trial ensued.
- 6. Whether the child was adopted.
- 7. Whether the child died from the injuries.
- 8. How many siblings of the injured child were removed from the parents.

Unfortunately we are not able to respond to your request. The information you require is not in a reportable format and therefore collating this information would involve an officer going through individual case files. This would take us over the allocated time of 18hours for an FOI and therefore engage Section 12 as the cost of complying with your request would exceed an appropriate cost limit to locate, retrieve and gather. This has been set at £450 and represents the estimated cost of one person spending $2\frac{1}{2}$ working days in locating, retrieving and extracting the information. (For more information about the council's fees notice, please see our Fees Notice available on our website.)

Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act, the council is not obliged to comply with your request.

It is also anticipated that figures would be small and therefore we would not be able to release them in accordance with section 40(2), Personal Information of the Freedom of information Act. Section 40 is an

absolute exemption and does not require a public interest test to be carried out.

It may be possible to obtain the information you are seeking directly from hospitals. To submit an FOI to the NHS please use the following link:

http://www.nhs.uk/aboutnhschoices/contactus/pages/freedom-of-information.aspx

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Yours Sincerely,

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Director of Children's Services

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