



Courtney Smith

**Reply to**  
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Our ref 24238909  
Date 30 June 2022

Dear Courtney Smith

### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I can confirm that the information requested is held by Bristol City Council. I have detailed below the information that is being released to you.

1. *How many children were removed short term from their birth parents due to future risk of emotional harm and then returned to their birth parents?*
  - 1a. *In the past year?* 16
  - 1b. *in the past 5 years?* 36
2. *How many children were removed long term from their birth parents due to future risk of emotional harm and put into long term foster care?*
  - 2a. *In the past year?* 9
  - 2b. *in the past 5 years?* 77
3. *How many children were removed long term from their birth parents due to future risk of neglect and put into long term foster care?*
  - 3a. *In the past year?* 8
  - 3b. *in the past 5 years?* 69
4. *How many children were removed short term from their birth parents due to future risk of neglect and then returned to their birth parents?*
  - 4a. *In the past year?* 9
  - 4b. *in the past 5 years?* 69
5. *How many babies were removed from their birth parents at birth?*
  - 5a. *In the past year?* 14
  - 5b. *in the past 5 years?* 98
6. *How many babies were removed from their birth parents before 6 months old?*

- 6a. *In the past year?* 24  
6b. *in the past 5 years?* 142
7. *How many children were adopted under the age of 4 due to risk of future emotional harm?*  
7a. *In the past year?* Under 5  
7b. *in the past 5 years?* 32
8. *How many children were adopted under the age of 4 due to risk of future neglect?*  
8a. *In the past year?* Under 5  
8b. *in the past 5 years?* 38
9. *How many children/babies were placed on special guardianship orders with other family members due to future emotional harm?*  
9a. *In the past year?* Under 5  
9b. *in the past 5 years?* 26
10. *How many social workers working in safeguarding for children have qualifications with working with individuals with autism?*

Please clarify what qualification you are referring to.

11. *How many children were removed due to the mother or father being in domestic violence relationship or previous domestic violence relationship? Past year – 22, past 5 years 99*

Under 5

Where the number of children is less than 5, we have withheld the exact information as we consider that it could be used to identify individual children which would potentially release personal information about an individual or a small number of individuals. The children concerned would have a reasonable expectation that they would not be identified and disclosure would put us in breach of the Data Protection Act 2018 and the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) which require personal data to be processed fairly and lawfully. We are therefore withholding the exact number of children under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act for personal data. This exemption does not require a public interest test.

Please quote the reference number 24238909 in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be sent to [complaints.feedbxxx@xxxxxxx.xxv.uk](mailto:complaints.feedbxxx@xxxxxxx.xxv.uk).

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Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF.  
Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

Bristol City Council