



Children's Services

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FAO Michael Caffney

Via email

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Dear Mr Caffney

Re: - Request For Information under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Further to your Freedom of Information Request which was received on 19th June 2020, Rochdale Borough Council is happy to provide you with the following information :

1. How many individuals in the care of Bury and Rochdale Youth Offending Service have a gang-involved/gang issues label attached to their file, in your records?

Rochdale Borough Council does not have a gang nominal radial button within our IYSS case recording system to identify if a young person has been involved with gangs or has gang-related issues and we do not record the information in a way which would be easy to extract.

In order to identify if a young person is involved in gang-related activity, we would need to locate, retrieve and review each individual case file record, and it is estimated this would exceed the 18 hours to complete an FOI. This part of your request is therefore refused under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

2. For each individual subject to a gang-involved/gang issues label in Bury and Rochdale Youth Offending Service file, I would like the following information :
 - a) The age of the individual (this could be presented as a list to ensure that each individual entry remains anonymised, i.e., 20 individuals aged 17; 6 aged 18; 22 aged 19, etc.)
 - b) How many of the individuals listed as 'gang-nominals' are males, and how many are females?
 - c) The ethnicity of the individual?
 - d) The individual's risk of harm classification?
 - e) Has the individual been convicted of a violent offense?

Please see above

We feel that we have fulfilled your Freedom of Information request. However, if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request or wish to make a complaint or appeal against any decision we have made in response to your request, you should write in the first instance to:

Information Governance Unit
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We hope you find the information provided useful and if you have any further queries please don't hesitate to contact us at foi@rochdale.gov.uk. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julia Hassall".

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