

### **Request for information: CAS-1241416-V3T3X5 - Emergency Care Orders**

- 1) How many Emergency Care Orders were issued in respect of children from 1st January 2016 to present date.
- 2) How many Interim Care Orders were issued in the same time period (1st January 2016 to present date)?
- 3) I require breakdown of how many of these orders were wrongfully issued and where the children were quickly returned to their families.
- 4) How long was the average timeframe that children were wrongly kept in care?
- 5) How many of these Emergency Care Orders were issued as a result of malicious referrals by professionals such as doctors (or any hospital staff), teachers, therapists or any other local authority employee?
- 6) Is it possible to have the statistics for care orders (both emergency and interim) issued from 1st January 2014 to 31st December 2015?
- 7) Finally, what percentage of children taken into care are surrendered voluntarily by their parents?

	01/01/14 - 31/12/14	01/01/15 - 31/12/15	01/01/16 - 16/12/16
<b>Question 1</b> How many Emergency Care Orders were issued in respect of children from 1st January 2016 to present date.		1	
<b>Question 2</b> How many Interim Care Orders were issued in the same time period (1st January 2016 to present date)?	46	42	48

**Question 6** - Statistics for care orders (both Emergency and Interim) issued from 01/01/14 to 31/12/15

<b>2014</b>													
<b>Age Band</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 to 4	3		3		1	3	5	2	3	1	3	1	25
10 to 14					1							1	2
15 +					1								1
5 to 9					1	3	1	4	3	2	1	3	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>3</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>46</b>
<b>2015</b>													
<b>Age Band</b>	<b>Jan</b>	<b>Feb</b>	<b>Mar</b>	<b>Apr</b>	<b>May</b>	<b>Jun</b>	<b>Jul</b>	<b>Aug</b>	<b>Sep</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov</b>	<b>Dec</b>	<b>Total</b>
0 to 4		2		3	4	1	2	1	4	2	5		24
10 to 14		2					1	2		1		1	7
15 +				3									3
5 to 9		2		1			1		3	1	1		9
<b>Total</b>		<b>6</b>		<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>43</b>

The remaining information requested is not held in a way that can be reported from the system electronically. To collate information to respond to the question(s) would require looking through all records and manually extracting the information required. This is estimated to take more than 18 hours of staff time to collate, which would exceed the appropriate cost limit for Local Authorities of £450 (for providing information under the Freedom of Information Act).

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