

FOI 002997 - Children's Independent Assessments - Response shown in bold

1. How many assessments were completed by independent practitioners or external organisations during the period 23/03/2020 and 22/03/2021 for:

A: PAMS assessments

B: Parenting risk assessments

C: SGO assessments

D: Form F assessments

E: Connected Person / Kinship Care assessments

F: Kinship Viability Assessments

G: Age assessment / unaccompanied minor assessments

2. What is the average price paid per:

A: PAMS assessment

B: Parenting risk assessment

C: SGO assessment

D: Form F assessment

E: Connected Person / Kinship Care Assessment

F: Kinship Viability Assessment

G: Age assessment / unaccompanied minors

3. Please provide the name, position and contact details of the person or team responsible for commissioning these assessments

Response to all questions

Although we hold this information, it is not all readily available.

We have estimated that the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate limit' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. It is estimated that it would cost more than £450 (18 hours) to comply with your request.

For question 1 (A, B, F) and question 2 (A, B, F) to locate and retrieve this information, it would be necessary to manually review 120 cases. We have estimated that it would take an average 60 minutes to review each case.

We have estimated that the total length of time required to complete this request would be approximately 120 hours. This exceeds the 18-hour time limit.

Therefore, we are unable to complete your request on this occasion.

You may wish to refine and resubmit your request so that it reduces the cost to within the 'appropriate limit'.

For example, we would be answer question 1 (C, D, E, G), question 2 (C, D, E, G) and question 3 within the cost limit.

If you narrow the scope of your request, we may be able to provide the information to you because it would cost less than the 'appropriate limit' to do so, although we cannot guarantee this will be the case.

Any reformulated request we receive will be treated as a new FOI request.