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Mr Gaffney

By Email:

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Dear Mr Gaffney,

Freedom of Information – Request for Information
Unique Reference: FOI 10091

Thank you for your request for information dated 8 June 2020, which the Council received by email. You have requested the following information:

- 1. How many cases have been opened by Tameside Council's Children's Services, as a result of a Threat to Life Warning being issued by police, in 2019, 2018 and 2017?*
- 2. How many legal applications for a protective order on a child, have been taken out by Tameside Council's Children's Services, as a result of a Threat to Life Warning being issued by police, in 2019, 2018 and 2017?*
- 3. Of these applications, how many were successful, in 2019, 2018 and 2017?*

Having carefully considered the matter, the Council has determined that the information is exempt from disclosure under the following provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 12 of the Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit of £450, as specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. This limit represents the estimated cost of one person spending at least 18 hours, or approximately 2½ days, in determining whether the Council holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

The Council estimates that it will take in excess of 18 hours to determine where it holds the requested information and locate, retrieve and extract the information because we do not record Threat to Life Warnings separately. It would require one staff member to manually look up each individual referral from Greater Manchester Police, of which we had 1290 in 2017, 1166 in 2018 and 560 in 2019. If it takes one person 2 minutes to check one referral, to check all 3016 referrals would take us over the 18 hour limit. As a consequence, your request will not be processed further.

In accordance with section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice in respect of this part of your request.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of the Council's decision, you may do so within 40 working days of the date of this response. Please write to Sandra J Stewart, Borough Solicitor, at PO BOX 317, Ashton under Lyne, OL6 0GS.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Commissioner cannot normally make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Council. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF and at www.ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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