

Information Management Team

FOI Reference: 6359761

Email: foioc@hackney.gov.uk

Date: 15 December 2021

Charlotte Lynch

Dear Charlotte Lynch

Freedom of Information Act 2000

This request is being handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Your request states:

1) How many children, who were known to your social services department, died between 1st January 2017 - 30th November 2021?

(Including those dates)

1i. Please specify how many of those occurred in each year - 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021.

1ii. Please provide the ages of the children, and the cause of death.

2) How many children, who were known to your social services department, were admitted to hospital with malnourishment

between 1st January 2017 - 30th November 2021? (Including those dates)

2i. Please specify how many of those occurred in each year - 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021.



2i. Please provide the ages of the children.

Please provide the dataset in an Excel format.

The Council's response

The requested information is not held in a readily retrievable format and there is no automated mechanism for the collation of the required data. Therefore, provision of this information would require manual review and processing of a large volume of data, considerably exceeding the limit to time and resource under FOIA.


The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 has set the appropriate limit as £450 based on a charge of £25 per hour. Section 12 of the Act states that the Council is not obligated to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the costs of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.

Also, as you may be aware, in October 2020 Hackney Council experienced a serious cyber-attack, which caused a significant disruption to our delivery of day-to-day services. Consequently, the Council holds limited information prior to October 2020 and post 2020 our current interim system does not allow us to report on your above request. Updates with regard to the Council's IT status can be viewed on the Hackney Council website via the following link: <https://hackney.gov.uk/service-status>

Please quote the reference number 6359761 in any future communications.

Appeals & Complaints Procedure

If you are dissatisfied with this response and wish to request an internal review, please write to the Information Management Team as a reply to this message.



Your request should be submitted to us within 40 working days of receipt by you of this response. Any request received after this time will only be considered at the discretion of the Council.

If you are still dissatisfied with the Council's response after the internal review you have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

<https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/email/>

The Information Commissioner's Office

Telephone: 0330 123 1113

We would like to hear your views on our service. If you'd like to tell us how we did, you can complete our feedback form online at <http://www.yourwebsite.co.uk/foifeedback>

We will now close your request as of this date.

Yours faithfully

Information Management Team
London Borough of Hackney

