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**Please ask for** Jonathan Sheward

**Our ref:** 3078328

**Your ref:**

**Date:** 9 March 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Your request for information has been considered by Warwickshire County Council under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please be advised that we are unable to provide all of the information that you have requested.

You asked us:

***1. How many children of compulsory school age do you currently have under local authority care?***

As at 2 March 2018, and taking the compulsory school age as being for children/young people aged from 5 years to 17 years of age, Warwickshire County Council has 597 Looked After Children (LAC).

***Of these;***

***i) How many had their education delegated to a school by their parents before going into care?***

Please be advised that this information is not recorded on our central recording database and is therefore not readily available.

In order for us to provide information in answer to this question, we would be required to undertake a manual review of individual records and files and we estimate that compliance with your request would exceed the appropriate costs limit under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Therefore we are not obliged to comply with your request.

The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 currently sets the appropriate costs limit at £450 which would amount to 18 hours of officer time.

Therefore please treat this response as a Refusal Notice in accordance with Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

***ii) How many were electively home educated by their parents before going into care?***

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***2. Can you please provide a statistical breakdown of the reasons why children in your local authority have been put under local authority care?***

The following statistical breakdown is for those LACs between the ages of 5 and 17 years old as per question 1 - and is broken down by the main categories that we record against in our central recording database.

Category of Need	Number of CLA	%
Absent parenting	67	11.22
Abuse or Neglect	305	51.09
Cases other than Children in Need	4	0.67
Disability	19	3.18
Family dysfunction	108	18.09
Family in acute stress	65	10.89
Parental illness or disability	7	1.17
Socially unacceptable behaviour	22	3.69
Total CLA aged 5-17 years of age inclusive	597	

**3. Please provide the number of children under local authority care classed as children missing education for the years (Jan 01 - Dec 31 in all instances) 2015, 2016, 2017. Both for the years provided and those still CME (with the years they have been CME).**

Information not held. Please be advised that we do not keep a record where we define our LAC's as Children Missing Education (CME).

To try and identify those LACs who are also CME would require a manual search/cross referencing of a substantial number of files that could be expected to exceed the appropriate costs limit under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**4. Please provide a breakdown of how the children who are CSA under local authority care are currently receiving their educational provision. Please include CME statistics.**

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**5. Please provide the number of children aged 10 - 18 under local authority care who have (same years as Q3);**

**i) Gone missing**

**ii) Had police involvement**

**iii) Been groomed by adults after going into LAC.**

**iv) Had a relationship that resulted in pregnancy.**

**v) Had a relationship that resulted in parenthood.**

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***6. Of the children currently under LAC please provide the number of children who have been identified by professionals as needing supportive therapy; This could be SEN, mentally, emotionally, physically etc.***

***Of these children;***

***i) How many have successfully received the therapy recommended?***

***ii) How many are in receipt of the therapy recommended?***

***iii) How many are waiting to receive the therapy recommended?***

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***7) Finally, can you please provide statistics/documentation and evidence for the educational outcomes for all children under local authority care?***

Please be advised that this information is already in the public domain and can be obtained by using the Department for Education's Local Authority Interactive Tool:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-authority-interactive-tool-lait>

Therefore we have applied an exemption under Section 21(2)(b) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (information accessible by other means). This exemption applies because the Council has provided you with a link to the information which it considers makes this information reasonably accessible to you by other means.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.  
Phone: 0303 123 1113  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours faithfully

Jonathan Sheward  
Information Rights Officer