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**Our ref:** CM/PA/000632/19

**Your ref:**

Dear Poppy Damon

### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

I write in response to the above referenced Freedom of Information request submitted on 05/03/2019, Hampshire Constabulary has now considered this request, which has been repeated below and have responded accordingly.

Please find below a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The data I require relates to Return Home Interviews (RHI), child exploitation and missing children

When you respond with confirmation that you have received my request, could you please advise whether any clarification is needed in order to complete my request? Please ensure any questions arrive to me prior to the 20 day deadline.

My questions are:

- + How many instances of missing children did you have reported to you Jan 2017-Jan 2019? Can you send gender/age/location/outcome breakdown? Please can you also indicate how many different children were reported missing for comparison.
- + Can you send me your information sharing protocols from local authority Return Home Interviews, if you have any? Please indicate if you do not.

Hampshire Constabulary does not hold this information in a retrievable format. The cost of determining if the information is held, locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. It is estimated that it would cost more than £450 to comply with your request.

In order to ascertain the outcome of all reports of missing children a large manual review would need to be undertaken. Details of the actions taken on each case and the outcome would be recorded in working sheets associated with report. In order to ascertain the outcome, all working sheets related to missing children would need to be reviewed. For the time period in question there were 14,544 occurrences of under 18s missing. To review all of these occurrences would exceed the time limit associated with this request.



+ If a senior member of staff is happy to offer an opinion - would you  
 +say you feel enough information is being shared with you by local authorities from return interviews? (Y/N) Do you have any data gathering mechanisms for whether child exploitation happens in particular areas and is this database supported by information gained from information sharing with the local authority?  
 +How many times was child exploitation reported to you in connection with a Return Home Interview Jan 2014-Jan 2019?

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, if one element of a request exceeds the statutory cost limit, the whole request may be refused on grounds of cost. As such, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice in respect of your whole request. This does not, however, preclude us from supplying some information that is relevant to your request as a gesture of assistance and with this in mind we have provided some information below.

### **Information Provided**

Information and statistics regarding missing people can be found within the Hampshire Constabulary Performance profile which can be found at the following link:

<https://www.hampshire.police.uk/police-forces/hampshire-constabulary/areas/sd/stats-and-data/force-performance-profile/>

### **COMPLAINT RIGHTS**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision made by Hampshire Constabulary, you can lodge a complaint with the force to have the decision reviewed within 2 months of the date of this response. Complaints should be made in writing to the Public Access office at the address at the top of this letter.

If, after lodging a complaint with Hampshire Constabulary, you are still unhappy with the outcome, you may make an application to the Information Commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, via telephone on 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745 or at the website [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

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