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Dear Ms Damon

Information Request

In response to your Freedom of Information request dated 5 March 2019, in which you sought the following information:

- 1. How many recorded instances of missing then returned children did you have in your authority per year between Jan 1st 2014-Jan 1st 2019? If you can provide a per month break down please do.**
Please see the spreadsheet, attached as an appendix.
- 2. How many of these instances were children who had runaway more than once? If possible can you send a break down which shows a numbered list to indicate individual children and a second column with how many times they ran away? This would of course not include their name or any details.**
Please see the spreadsheet, attached as an appendix.
- 3. A summary of the recorded outcomes or actions taken for all completed Return Home Interviews (for example a safeguarding referral, report to the police or to another service). I would like a breakdown of these for Jan 2014-Jan 2019. Ideally this would be laid out by outcome, beside a number of times this was taken. This would sit along side a number of how many RHIs were carried out in total per year. Excel or PDF formats are fine.**
- 4. How many of these return interviews contained content about child exploitation?**
- 5. How many times were the police notified of potential child exploitation, following a RHI?**

Regarding questions 3-5, Hampshire County Council is unable to provide the information as it is not possible to achieve this within the timescale of 18 hours; ie, it would take one person more than 18 hours to collate the information. During the period 01-January 2014 to 31 December 2018 there were 4261 recorded return interviews.

In order to provide this information, it would mean checking these records, each taking up to 15 minutes to locate, retrieve and collate the information. This equates to 1065 hours, which is over the 18 hour timescale.

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, which for Local Authorities is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

Under Section 16 of the Act it is our obligation to provide advice and assistance and so we have instead provided the total number of recorded return interviews by year. These figures are in the appendix attached.

6. Can you send me the hiring requirements for staff employed in-house to carry out RHIs? If you outsource this service please respond with who does this for you.

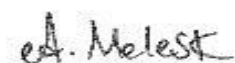
Trained volunteers carry out return interviews.

7. If you do not outsource and complete RHIs yourself - could you please provide the aide memoire/guidelines/checklist that you use when completing Return Home Interviews?

Please see the four documents attached.

I hope this information is of help.

Yours sincerely



Anne Melesk
FOI/EIR Co-ordinator for Hampshire Children's Services



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