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Mr. Daniel Wainwright

Our reference: 1829104

Dear Mr. Wainwright

Thank you for your request for information received on 10 September 2020.

Your request

1) For each financial quarter since April 2018, how many children have died in your area in cases where abuse and/or neglect were suspected or confirmed?

If you cannot provide figures for this exact date range, please provide data for the closest available date range and state clearly the dates that it covers.

By quarter I am referring to the following:

2018-19 (Q1 = April to June, Q2 = July to September, Q3 = October to December, Q4 = January to March)

2019-20 (Q1 = April to June, Q2 = July to September, Q3 = October to December, Q4 = January to March)

2020-21 ((Q1 = April to June, Q2 = July to September (please include the date in September data is correct to)

2) Broken down by financial quarter, how many of the children in question 1 had been

referred to the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub, or equivalent body for safeguarding children, prior to their death?

3) Broken down by financial quarter, how many of these children were in the care, or partial care of social services teams?

4) For your answer to question 1 above, for each financial quarter, please can you disclose how many were:

a) Babies (under 1 year old)

b) Toddlers/pre-school (between 1 and 4 years old)

c) Primary school age (4-11)

d) Secondary school age (11-18)

The next question is about referrals to your Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub or equivalent body for safeguarding children.

By "referral" I include those made officially by practitioners, teachers etc and any calls that may have been made via any publicly accessible helpline, website or online reporting form, whether anonymously or not.

5) For each quarter from April 2018 to September 2020, how many referrals were made about children to the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub or its equivalent?

If you cannot provide a figure for this exact date range, please provide data for the closest available date range and state clearly the dates that it covers.

Our response

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

I am writing to inform you that we have searched our records and some of the information you requested is not held by Hammersmith and Fulham. Unfortunately, we do not hold any referral information from MASH; hence we are unable to supply data for this question.

The answers to questions 1-4 are 0.

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Yours sincerely

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