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VIA EMAIL

**Information Requests**  
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County Hall  
Taunton  
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Reference: 4863097

Email: requxxxx@xxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx

Date: 12 June 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

## **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I can confirm that Somerset County Council holds the information you have requested. However, we are withholding the information as we consider that the following exemptions apply:

### **Section 12 – exemption where cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.**

There is no specific factor identified at assessment (codes that we are required to record and are laid out by Ofsted) that specifically cover children that are being trafficked. The only one that comes close is:

#### **12A - Trafficking: concerns that services may be required or the child may be at risk of harm due to trafficking.**

Over the last 12 months we had 10 children where this was identified as a factor at the end of their assessment, but having reviewed each individual case, none of them were actually trafficked (i.e. it was a potential risk if we didn't intervene)

We estimate that to provide you with the data you have specifically requested would take significantly longer than the current limit, and that compliance with your request would exceed the appropriate cost limit under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which is currently £450.00. We estimate that the cost would be between £825 and £16,125 which is based on the following estimate:

**198 records x 10 minutes (MINIMUM) = 33 hours**

If you would like us to look at all Assessments completed in the last 12 months and investigate, I estimate that it would take:

**3870 records x 10 minutes (MINIMUM) = 645 hours**

Given this, we will not be proceeding with your request as it stands but, if you would like to refine your request, then we would be happy to look at it again.

Please quote the reference number 4863097 in any future communications.

If you feel your request has not been answered in enough detail, or if you wish to clarify the information given, please contact me, and I will be happy to address the issues you raise.

Alternatively, if you are not satisfied with our response you may request an internal review. This is an independent investigation into the handling of your request, which is carried out by the Information Governance Team. The conclusions of this investigation, and if applicable, a fresh decision about the information to be provided, should be sent to you within twenty working days of receipt of the internal review request.

To request an Internal Review please respond to this letter detailing why you are not satisfied, and your request will be dealt with by the information governance team.

If you are not satisfied with the results of the internal review, you may then appeal directly to the Information Commissioner's Office with your complaint.

The Information commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Web address: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours faithfully

**Information Request Team**