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Dear Sir/Madam.

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ05557**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Section 47 Enquiries.

You have requested the following information:

- 1) The number of section 47 enquiries opened by children's social care in each of the last five years (calendar or financial, whatever is available).**
- 2) Breakdown of the reason for the enquiry, where recorded, for example, criminal exploitation or sexual abuse.**

We hold the information which you have asked for but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

We can confirm that for Question 2 the information is not held in a reportable format. Therefore, to determine an accurate response, we would need to conduct a manual audit of each record, which will exceed 18 hours.

Your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

However, in order to fulfil our obligations under Section 16 of the FOI Act to advise and assist you, we advise that for Question 1 this information is publically accessible to you via the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/statistics-children-in-need>.

For information, we publish a variety of information such as: [FOI/EIR Disclosure Log](#), [Publication Scheme](#), [Facts about Coventry](#) and [Open Data](#) that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email casework@ico.org.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours sincerely

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