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Dear Sir/Madam.

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ07968**

Thank you for your request for information relating to the reason's children are known to Children's Services.

You have requested the following information:

- 1. Please could you provide data you hold as a percentage or figures including the number of children affected against the total number of children in care between 01/01/2019 - 31/12/2019 that were:**

We report and validate our figures to the Department of Education on a financial year basis; therefore, the answers to your questions below are based on the year 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020 except where otherwise stated.

a. Categorized by Social Services at risk whilst in care

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.

The information requested is not held in a reportable format and therefore it would necessitate a manual review of 963 records to retrieve and collate the information. Your request has therefore been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

b. Placed in a secure unit or lock-in facility

0.6%

c. Reported missing

12%

d. Arrested

For Question 1d, please refer to Question 1a.

e. Convicted of a criminal offense

2%

f. In prison or young offender institutions

2.3%

g. Hospitalised

1.3%

h. Receiving on-going mental health treatment

i. Recorded by yourselves or a foster agency as having committed an act of self-harm

For Question 1h and 1i, please refer to Question 1a.

j. Achieving 90% attendance at school

| Absence from school of children who have been looked after continuously for at least twelve months | 2018-19 |
|---|----------------|
| Percentage of sessions missed due to: Overall absence | 4.3% |
| Percentage of sessions missed due to: Authorised absence | 3.4% |
| Percentage of sessions missed due to: Unauthorised absence | 0.9% |
| Percentage of looked after children classed as persistent absentees | 9.9% |

2. Please could also provide information relating to how many looked after children and formally looked after children died between 01/01/2015 to 06/12/2020 that the Council is aware of and the reported causes of death if it is known to the council?

Two looked after children died between 1 January 2015 to 6 December 2020, both due to complex health needs.

In regard to former looked after children, we can confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. Coventry City Council does not collect data on the deaths of former looked after children.

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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 faithfully

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