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Dear Sir/Madam.

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ08088**

Thank you for your request for information relating to emotional and mental health of children in care.

You have requested the following information:

This is a freedom of information request that is seeking information and data from you regarding the emotional and mental health of your children in care (children that your local authority has parental responsibility for), who are aged up to 18 years old.

- 1. Between the 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 what number of your children in care had an episode of self-harming, aligned to the NHS definition (<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/self-harm/getting-help/>)?**
- 2. Between the 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 what number of your children in care attempted suicide?**

For Questions 1 and 2, 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.

This because the information is not held in a reportable format thus would require an officer to manually review each looked after child's record to collate the information. This has been estimated to take over the 18-hour limit under the Freedom of Information Act. This part of your request has therefore been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

3. Between the 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 what number of your children in care committed suicide?

Nil.

4. Between the 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 what number of your children in care have been diagnosed with an attachment disorder?

5. Between the 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 what number of your children in care have been diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder?

For Questions 4 to 5, please refer to Question 1.

6. Does your local authority have a system in place to record, monitor and report on the emotional and mental health of all your children in care?

Coventry City Council complete Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaires for looked after children which allows us to record, monitor and report on the emotional and mental health of our children in care.

The supply of information in response to a freedom of information request does not confer an automatic right to re-use the information. You can use any information supplied for the purposes of private study and non-commercial research without requiring further permission. Similarly, information supplied can also be re-used for the purposes of news reporting. An exception to this is photographs. Please contact us if you wish to use the information for any other purpose.

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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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