



## Information Governance Team

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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**  
**Request ID: FOI340954625**

Thank you for your request for information relating to investigations under Section 47 of the Children Act 1989.

You have requested the following information:

**1. For each of the years 2010 and 2020, how many investigations under section 47 of the Children Act 1989 involved any of these terms in the referral:**

- a. Fabricated or Induced Illness or FII**
- b. Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy or MSbP**
- c. Perplexing Presentation or PP**
- d. Factitious Disorder Imposed on Another or FDloA**
- e. Snomed Code System Concept Code: 95637005**

## **2. How many of those investigations led to a child protection plan, and how many resulted in no further action being taken?**

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 regarding the above terms is not held in a reportable format. There are an average of 2,200 Section 47 enquiries each year. Therefore, to locate, retrieve and collate the data, we would need to perform a manual trawl of approximately 20,000 case notes over the last five years which we estimate will exceed the 18-hour limit

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

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](mailto: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 [icocasework@ico.org.uk](mailto:icocasework@ico.org.uk).

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

Yours faithfully

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