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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI362855481**

Thank you for your request for information relating to School and home-schooled children removed from parental care.

You have requested the following information:

**1. How many school children have been**

- physically abused**
- mentally abused**
- sexually abused**
- neglected**
- did this happen in school or at home**

**2. How many home educated children have been**

- physically abused**
- mentally abused**
- sexually abused**
- neglected**

With regards to Question 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.

Whilst the information is held, it is not contained in any existing report format. Therefore to answer your request, an officer would need to manually trawl through all the individual case records over the last ten years. Due to the amount of records to review, we estimate that this will exceed 18 hours.

This part of your request has been therefore refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

### **3. How many school children have been removed from their parents care?**

We note that you have not provided a definition of 'removed.' We advise that some children will be accommodated under Section 20 which is voluntary arrangement and not enforced. However to assist, we can confirm that 1,765 children were removed under Section 20 over the ten year period.

### **4. How many home educated children have been removed from their parents care?**

3.

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

Yours faithfully

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