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Dear Sir/Madam

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

**Request ID: FOI413132846**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Children's Services statistics.

You have requested the following information:

**1. In your authority's children's services department, what was the highest caseload of a frontline child protection social worker as of 1 April 2022?**

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**a. Please explain how the figures are calculated on occasions where there are multiple children in a family being supported. (I.e. Is there one case per child, or one case per family?)**

One Case per Child.

**Please understand "frontline social workers" to be those that are registered with Social Work England.**

**2. In your authority's children's services department, what was the average caseload of a frontline child protection social worker as of 1 April 2022?**

14.71

**a. Please explain how the figures are calculated on occasions where there are multiple**

**children in a family being supported. ( I.e. . Is there one case per child, or one case per family?)**

One Case per Child

**Please Note: The data for Q1 and Q2 is at the 30th September 2021 and this data is reported on this date for the Statutory Return.**

**3. In each of the following financial years, how many referrals did your authority's children's services department receive – where a referral is defined as a request for services to be provided by children's social care?**

**i) 2017/18**

**ii) 2018/19**

**iii) 2019/20**

**iv) 2020/21**

**v) 2021/22**

**4. What was the number of section 47 enquiries made by your authority's children's services in the following financial years?**

**i. 2017/18**

**ii. 2018/19**

**iii. 2019/20**

**iv. 2020/21**

**v. 2021/22**

**5a. How many children in total were on child protection plans within your authority's children's services in the following financial years?**

**i. 2017/18**

**ii. 2018/19**

**iii. 2019/20**

**iv. 2020/21**

**v. 2021/22**

**5b. How many children were newly added to child protection plans within your authority's children's services in the following financial years?**

**i. 2017/18**

**ii. 2018/19**

**iii. 2019/20**

**iv. 2020/21**

**v. 2021/22**

**5c. How many children exited child protection plans within your authority's children's services in the following financial years?**

**i. 2017/18**

**ii. 2018/19**

**iii. 2019/20**

**iv. 2020/21**

**v. 2021/22**

**6a. How many children in total were categorised as 'in need' within your authority's children's services in the following financial years?**

- i. 2017/18**
- ii. 2018/19**
- iii. 2019/20**
- iv. 2020/21**
- v. 2021/22**

**6b. How many children were newly assessed as 'in need' within your authority's children's services in the following financial years?**

- i. 2017/18**
- ii. 2018/19**
- iii. 2019/20**
- iv. 2020/21**
- v. 2021/22**

**6c. How many children were removed from the 'in need' category within your authority's children's services in the following financial years?**

- i. 2017/18**
- ii. 2018/19**
- iii. 2019/20**
- iv. 2020/21**
- v. 2021/22**

For Questions 3 to 6c, following careful consideration, the information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the Department of Education's website, please use the following link:

<https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/characteristics-of-children-in-need/2021#dataDownloads-1>

1. Click on 'Download All Files'
2. For all downloaded Files filter column 'LA Name' to Coventry

For Question 3, open File C1 - Referrals and Rereferrals 2013- 2021

For Question 4, open File C4 - Section 47s and ICPCS 2013- 2021

For Question 5, open File D1 - Child Protection Plans 2013 - 2021

For Question 6, open File B1 - Children in Need 2013 - 2021

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

**7. In the following years, how much was spent by your authority's children's services on early help and prevention services?**

- i. 2011/12**

We confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. We no longer hold this information in line with the Retention and Disposal Schedule.

**ii. 2017/18**

£4,883,350

**iii. 2018/19**

£5,337,890

**iv. 2019/20**

£6,151,891

**v. 2020/21**

£5,491,674

**vi. 2021/22**

£5,234,079

**8. On 1 April in the following financial years, how many children designated as 'in need' or as a child protection case were either not yet allocated a social worker or had been given a holding allocation?**

**i. 2018**

We confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. We do not hold information for 2017/18 and 2018/19 financial years.

**ii. 2019**

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**iii. 2020**

Two.

**iv. 2021**

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**v. 2022**

The data provided for Question 8 is as of 31st March for each year.

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Yours faithfully

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