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Dear Sir/Madam

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

**Request ID: FOI434338734**

Thank you for your request for information relating to impact of ethnicity on the risk of going missing.

You have requested the following information:

- 1. How many Looked After Children were there in your area between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022? Please provide the number broken down by ethnicity.**
- 2. How many of those Looked After Children went missing between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022? Please provide the numbers broken down by ethnicity.**
- 3. How many incidents of Looked After Children going missing were there between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022? Please provide the numbers broken down by ethnicity.**
- 4. How many of those incidents, broken down by ethnicity, had a:**
  - Sexual Exploitation marker**
  - Mental health marker**
  - Criminal Exploitation marker**
  - Trafficking marker**
- 5. How many children in total (not just LAC) in your area went missing between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022? Please provide the numbers broken down by ethnicity.**
- 6. How many incidents of children (not just LAC) going missing were there between 1 April**

**2021 and 31 March 2022? Please provide the numbers broken down by ethnicity.**

**7. How many of those incidents, broken down by ethnicity, had a:**

- Sexual Exploitation marker**
- Mental health marker**
- Criminal Exploitation marker**
- Trafficking marker**

For Questions 1 to 7, please see the attached spreadsheet.

Some numbers where the figures are less than five have been suppressed as this information could be used to identify the individuals. Where the figures have been suppressed, this is shown as <5.

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(2) personal data means any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual (subject to subsection (14)(c))”

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- (b) one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of the individual.”

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

Yours faithfully

**Information Governance**

1. How many Looked After Children were there in your area between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022? Please provide the number broken down by ethnicity.

Ethnic Group	Number Of Children
Asian or Asian British	68
Black or Black British	93
Mixed	163
Other	<5
Other ethnic groups	29
White	635

2. How many of those Looked After Children went missing between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022? Please provide the numbers broken down by ethnicity.

Ethnic Group	Number Of CLA Children Missing
Asian or Asian British	8
Black or Black British	9
Mixed	16
Other ethnic groups	<5
White	59

3. How many incidents of Looked After Children going missing were there between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022? Please provide the numbers broken down by ethnicity.

Ethnic Group	Number of Missing Incidents
Asian or Asian British	29
Black or Black British	96
Mixed	92
Other ethnic groups	10
White	267

4. How many of those incidents, broken down by ethnicity, had a:

- #NAME?
- #NAME?
- #NAME?
- #NAME?

Ethnic Group	Missing - Sexual Exploitation	Missing - Mental Health	Missing - Criminal Exploitation	Missing - Trafficking
Asian or Asian British	<5	<5	<5	0
Black or Black British	0	54	<5	0
Mixed	48	21	<5	0
Other ethnic groups	7	6	<5	0
White	49	103	<5	0
Total				10

5. How many children in total (not just LAC) in your area went missing between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022? Please provide the numbers broken down by ethnicity.

Ethnic Group	Number of Children
Asian or Asian British	26
Black or Black British	42
Mixed	44
Other	11
Other ethnic groups	6
White	226

6. How many incidents of children (not just LAC) going missing were there between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022? Please provide the numbers broken down by ethnicity.

Ethnic Group	Number of Incidents
Asian or Asian British	68
Black or Black British	198
Mixed	206
Other	11
Other ethnic groups	19
White	598

7. How many of those incidents, broken down by ethnicity, had a:  
#NAME?

#NAME?  
#NAME?  
#NAME?

Ethnic Group	Missing - Sexual Exploitation	Missing - Mental Health	Missing - Criminal Exploitation	Missing - Trafficking	
Asian or Asian British	<5	<5	<5		0
Black or Black British	<5		53 <5		0
Mixed		59	38 <5		0
Other ethnic groups		11	7	0	0
White		104	145	6	0
Total				14	0