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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI498972882

Thank you for your request for information relating to Child Sexual Exploitation and Children in Need Assessments.

You have requested the following information:

We would like information on the percentage of children who were victims of child sexual exploitation offences who had a 'Child in Need' assessment undertaken, from January 2016 – December 2022.

For the purposes of this Freedom of Information request, child sexual exploitation offences are defined by the Sexual Offences Act 2003 as amended by Section 68 of the Serious Crime Act 2015. This includes:

- **Section 47 Sexual Offences Act 2003: Paying for sexual services of a child;**
- **Section 48 Sexual Offences Act 2003: Causing or inciting [sexual exploitation of a child];**
- **Section 49 Sexual Offences Act 2003: Controlling a child [in relation to sexual exploitation];**
- **Section 50 Sexual Offences Act 2003: Arranging or facilitating [sexual exploitation of a child].**

'Children in Need' plans are defined by Section 17 of the Children's Act 1989.

We are looking to find out:

1. What was the percentage of children who were victims of child sexual exploitation

offences who had a 'Child in Need' assessment undertaken, from January 2016 – December 2022.

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 is held in a non-reportable format as the data is captured manually. An officer would be required to manually review each record to determine what information is relevant to the request. This has been estimated to exceed the 18-hour limit under the Act to collate. Your request has 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

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.

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

Yours faithfully

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