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Dear Sir/Madam

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

**Request ID: FOI532283871**

Thank you for your request for information relating to modern slavery NRM referrals for criminal exploitation.

You have requested the following information:

**For the six month period January to June 2023 please provide the following information:**

**(a) The number of NRM referrals made by your local authority as First Responder relating to reported 'criminal exploitation' broken down by age, gender and nationality of the potential victim.**

**(d) For the NRM referrals for criminal exploitation for children under 18 years old how many had been (i) persistently absent from school or (ii) severely absent from school in the 12 months prior to referral.**

**(e) For the NRM referrals for criminal exploitation for children under 18 years old how many were (i) a 'looked after' child or (ii) a child in need prior to referral.**

**If this should still exceed the allowed number of hours I would be grateful if you could provide guidance (as per s16) about how I can further refine my request.**

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.

We estimate that because information is requested does not have a categorisation of NRM referrals which would require an officer to manually review each record to determine what information is held relevant to the request and collate it. This has been estimated to exceed the 18-hour limit under the Act. Your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

However, in order to fulfil our obligations under Section 16 of the FOI Act to advise and assist you, we advise that Childrens Services suggest that you contact the Police directly as they hold all the information around NRM submissions as they can confirm some elements of the information that you require such as demographics. Then with permission of the Police, share the information back with the Local Authority to review by filtering the information. However, until the information is shared, we are unable to confirm if the Local Authority will be able to return the information within the timescales given, due to the level of detail they require.

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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