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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI560453238

Thank you for your request for information relating to Children referred to the National Referral Mechanism 2018 to 2023.

You have requested the following information:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your local authority. This Freedom of Information request is made to access to data in relation to children referred by your local authority to the National Referral Mechanism (NRM) for children who were identified as potential victims of modern slavery. Therefore, I would like you to provide me with:

1. Location: What was the location of the exploitation in the UK for children referred to NRM as potential victims of modern slavery by your local authority in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023? Please state how many of exploitations referred in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 happened in England and Wales, Northern Ireland and Scotland.

2. Gender: How many of children referred to the NRM as potential victims of modern slavery by your local authority in 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 were identified as males and females?

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 this information is held in a non-reportable format as it is contained within individual case files. It would therefore require an officer to manually trawl and review the individual records to determine what information is held and collate the relevant information. Due to the large number of records to review, 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.

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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