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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI569099459

Thank you for your request for information relating to Children removed from families.

You have requested the following information:

- 1. How many children have been removed from families and taken into foster care within the last 5 years within your councils district?**
- 2. How many children have been returned to their families from foster care within the last 5 years within your councils district?**
- 3. How many cases of abuse have been reported in foster care or adoption placements within the last 5 years within your councils district?**
- 4. How many cases of sexual assaults have been recorded/reported in foster care or adoption placements within the last 5 years within your councils district. And out of that number, how many have been confirmed/validated to be legitimate?**
- 5. How many cases of mistreatment have been recorded/reported in foster care or adoption placements within the last 5 years within your councils district. And out of that number, how many have been confirmed/validated to be legitimate?**
- 6. How many foster carers/adoption parents have been struck off due to sexual assaults, violence or abuse on kids within your district within the last 5 years?**

7. How many social workers within the last 10 years have been removed from your councils district due to neglect, abuse or wrongful removal of children?

8. How many cases of wrongful removals of children have been recorded within your councils district in the last 5 years?

9. What is the number of homosexual men that foster only boys within your councils district within the last 5 years?

10. Additionally, please provide the following:

An up-to-date chart/PDF of the structure/division of authority for Children and Young People's Services within your council's district, similar to the one available here:

https://www.bathnes.gov.uk/sites/default/files/children_young_people_and_families_division_

Also, a list of all the names of people working within your council's district for Children & Young People's Services.

We hold some of 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.

Most of the information, particularly for Questions 3 to 9, are not held in a reportable format. We also advise that we will only provide some of the requested fostering information. The Council's adoption service is operated by ACE Adoption and therefore we will not hold all the requested information related to adoptions. Due to the level of manual work entailed to locate, retrieve and collate the information, this will exceed 18 hours work. Your request has therefore 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 we can provide information for Questions 1, 2 and 10. Should you wish to reformulate your request, then please note that this will be treated as a new FOI request.

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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