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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI624166612

Thank you for your request for information relating to Deprivation of Liberty Orders for under 18s.

You have requested the following information:

My request relates to Deprivation of Liberty Orders commonly secured from the High Court or Court of Protection by a local authority in charge of the care of children.

May you please provide me with the number of Deprivation of Liberty orders granted to under 18-year-olds under the council's care:

- Please provide the figures for the following calendar years: 2023, 2022 and 2021**
- i.e in 2023, the council successfully obtained 15 DoL orders in relation to under 18 year olds**

Please note: if for data protection reasons you are unable to provide the figures broken down by year, please collate the figures over the three-year period.

• - I.e. between January 1st 2021 and 31st December 2023, the council successfully obtained 20 DoL orders for under 18 year olds

Definition: A DoL makes it lawful for a child to be deprived of their liberty. The court authorises the order and any restrictions are set out clearly in the order.

In the three-year period spanning calendar years 2021 to 2023, 10 children were subject to deprivation liberty orders granted to Coventry City Council Children's Services. Due to the low number of children identified, we are unable to provide any further information.

This has been done as the Council considers that this information meets the definition for personal data set out in Section 3(2) and 3(3) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) as:

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

(3) “Identifiable living individual” means a living individual who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to –

*(a) an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data or an online identifier, or
(b) one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of the individual.”*

The Council thus considers that the requested information is caught by the exemption to disclosure contained in Section 40 (2) of the FOI Act and the related first condition of Section 40 (3).

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Yours faithfully

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