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Dear Sir/Madam

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

**Request ID: FOI633495667**

Thank you for your request for information relating to referrals made to Children's Services.

You have requested the following information:

**Please would you let me know in writing if you hold information of the following description, relating to children's/social services for the following years: 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24:**

**1) The total number of referrals made to Children's Services**

**E.g. "There were a total of 1,000 referrals made to Children's Services in 2021/22, 1,100 in 2022/23...etc."**

**2) The stated ethnicity of the children to whom the referral is regarding**

**E.g. "Of the 1,000 referrals made to Children's Services in 2017/18, 500 were recorded as "White British," 300 were recorded as "Black Caribbean," etc." Where the child/children in question were recorded as "Mixed/Multiple ethnic background", please give any further details, e.g. "mixed White British and Black African."**

**3) The total number of referrals that have resulted in an assessment under section 17 of the Children Act 1989**

**E.g. "Of the 1,000 referrals made to Children's Services in 2022/23, 600 resulted in an**

**assessment.**

**4) The stated ethnicity of the children whom the assessment is regarding**

**E.g. “Of the 600 assessment made in 2022/23, 100 related to a child/children recorded as “Irish Traveller”.**

**5) A breakdown of the outcome of each assessment, specifying the ethnicity of the child/children in each outcome.**

**E.g. “2022/23: Child A, ethnicity recorded as “Bangladeshi,” the outcome of the assessment was that the child was “not in need.” Child B, ethnicity recorded as “White and Black African,” the outcome of the assessment was that the child was “in need but it was been determined that the child was not suffering, or considered likely to suffer, significant harm.” Child C, ethnicity recorded as “Chinese,” the outcome of the assessment was that the child was “and that there were concerns that the child was suffering, or considered likely to suffer, significant harm.”**

**Please find a response from a similar request for reference.**

We refer you to the attached document. Where we are reporting low numbers of children involved, this is shown as less than 5 to avoid potential identification of the families involved.

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Yours faithfully

**Information Governance**

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**1) The total number of referrals made to Children's Services**

E.g. "There were a total of 1,000 referrals made to Children's Services in 2021/22, 1,100 in 2022/23...etc."

	Year		
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
Number of referrals to Children's Social Care	4988	4914	4510

**2) The stated ethnicity of the children to whom the referral is regarding**

E.g. "Of the 1,000 referrals made to Children's Services in 2017/18, 500 were recorded as "White British," 300 were recorded as "Black Caribbean," etc." Where the child/children in question were recorded as "Mixed/Multiple ethnic background", please give any further details, e.g. "mixed White British and Black African."

Ethnicity	Year		
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
African	402	473	462
Any other Asian background	196	235	233
Any other Black background	77	101	86
Any other ethnic group	127	125	100
Any other mixed background	205	189	166
Any other White background	337	315	254
Bangladeshi	34	55	27
Caribbean	38	45	22
Chinese	8	6	7
Gypsy/Roma	123	70	81
Indian	132	128	121
Not stated	<5	<5	<5
Not yet obtained	36	63	106
Pakistani	178	184	166
Refused	<5	<5	<5
Traveller of Irish Heritage	7	29	21
White and Asian	124	84	105
White and Black African	54	69	82
White and Black Caribbean	212	200	159
White British	2691	2531	2289
White Irish	6	5	17
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>4988</b>	<b>4914</b>	<b>4510</b>

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**E.g. “Of the 1,000 referrals made to Children's Services in 2022/23, 600 resulted in an assessment.**

	Year		
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
<b>Number of referrals resulting in an assessment</b>	4221	4663	4354

**4) The stated ethnicity of the children whom the assessment is regarding**

**E.g. “Of the 600 assessment made in 2022/23, 100 related to a child/children recorded as “Irish Traveller”.**

Ethnicity	Year		
	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
African	360	445	444
Any other Asian background	166	216	223
Any other Black background	70	93	84
Any other ethnic group	99	111	92
Any other mixed background	169	183	162
Any other White background	263	295	249
Bangladeshi	30	55	27
Caribbean	35	44	22
Chinese	5	6	7
Gypsy/Roma	93	65	75
Indian	112	120	117
Not stated	0	<5	<5
Not yet obtained	13	51	93
Pakistani	147	179	153
Refused	<5	<5	<5
Traveller of Irish Heritage	6	26	19
White and Asian	100	83	101
White and Black African	46	68	80
White and Black Caribbean	179	187	149
White British	2324	2425	2234
White Irish	<5	<5	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>4221</b>	<b>4663</b>	<b>4354</b>

**5) A breakdown of the outcome of each assessment, specifying the ethnicity of the child/children in each outcome.**

**E.g. “2022/23: Child A, ethnicity recorded as “Bangladeshi,” the outcome of the assessment was that the child was “not in need.” Child B, ethnicity recorded as “White and Black African,” the outcome of the assessment was that the child was “in need but it was been determined that the child was not suffering, or considered likely to suffer, significant harm.” Child C, ethnicity recorded as “Chinese,” the outcome of the assessment was that the child was “and that there were concerns that the child was suffering, or considered likely to suffer, significant harm.”**

Ethnicity	2021/22					
	No Assessment	No Further Action	Step down to Early Help / Other Agency	Child in Need Plan	Strategy Discussion	Other
African	44	219	33	77	<5	26
Any other Asian background	32	88	6	40	<5	27
Any other Black background	7	34	<5	29	<5	<5
Any other ethnic group	28	61	<5	22	0	12
Any other mixed background	36	80	13	50	<5	24
Any other White background	75	159	14	47	<5	38
Bangladeshi	<5	15	0	9	0	6
Caribbean	<5	20	0	11	<5	<5
Chinese	<5	<5	<5	<5	0	0
Gypsy/Roma	30	68	<5	10	<5	13
Indian	20	63	6	34	0	9
Not stated	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not yet obtained	23	12	0	0	0	<5
Pakistani	31	97	6	39	<5	<5
Refused	0	<5	0	0	0	0
Traveller of Irish Heritage	<5	<5	0	<5	0	0
White and Asian	24	61	5	22	<5	11
White and Black African	8	18	7	18	0	<5
White and Black Caribbean	33	101	6	49	6	17
White British	367	1241	125	722	38	198
White Irish	<5	<5	0	<5	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>772</b>	<b>2343</b>	<b>231</b>	<b>1185</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>395</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4988</b>					

Ethnicity	2022/23					
	No Assessment	No Further Action	Step down to Early Help / Other Agency	Child in Need Plan	Strategy Discussion	Other
African	28	253	17	132	11	32
Any other Asian background	19	120	<5	39	<5	51
Any other Black background	8	55	7	13	<5	15
Any other ethnic group	14	61	5	24	5	16
Any other mixed background	6	97	<5	67	5	12
Any other White background	20	165	21	89	<5	18
Bangladeshi	0	24	5	17	<5	7
Caribbean	<5	24	<5	8	<5	6
Chinese	0	<5	<5	<5	0	0
Gypsy/Roma	5	51	<5	7	<5	<5
Indian	8	70	<5	34	0	13
Not stated	0	<5	0	0	0	<5
Not yet obtained	12	38	0	6	<5	6
Pakistani	5	126	5	30	5	13
Refused	0	<5	0	0	0	<5
Traveller of Irish Heritage	<5	17	0	9	0	0
White and Asian	<5	46	<5	22	<5	8
White and Black African	<5	46	<5	16	<5	<5
White and Black Caribbean	13	118	10	43	<5	15
White British	106	1384	103	692	52	194
White Irish	<5	<5	0	0	0	0
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>2707</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>1249</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>414</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4914</b>					

Ethnicity	2023/24					
	No Assessment	No Further Action	Step down to Early Help / Other Agency	Child in Need Plan	Strategy Discussion	Other
African	18	251	17	117	16	43
Any other Asian background	10	119	10	50	7	37
Any other Black background	<5	46	<5	28	<5	<5
Any other ethnic group	8	47	11	28	0	6
Any other mixed background	<5	94	<5	48	<5	14
Any other White background	5	146	9	70	<5	20
Bangladeshi	0	23	<5	<5	0	0
Caribbean	0	11	0	7	<5	<5
Chinese	0	5	0	<5	0	0
Gypsy/Roma	6	65	0	7	<5	<5
Indian	<5	70	<5	40	<5	<5
Not stated	0	<5	0	<5	0	0
Not yet obtained	13	56	<5	20	5	10
Pakistani	13	101	6	31	<5	11
Refused	0	<5	0	0	0	0
Traveller of Irish Heritage	<5	15	0	<5	0	<5
White and Asian	<5	50	5	39	<5	6
White and Black African	<5	39	<5	24	0	14
White and Black Caribbean	10	73	<5	56	6	12
White British	55	1287	83	650	42	172
White Irish	0	15	0	0	0	<5
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>2518</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>1221</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>360</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4510</b>					