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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI662465865**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Infants Entering Care due to Domestic Abuse.

You have requested the following information:

To inform our work and further our understanding of the impact of domestic abuse on the youngest children in the care system, we are requesting information on the following:

1. Could you please provide the number of infants aged 0-2 who entered care in the local authority in 2021, 2022, and 2023?

Figures are provided for reporting years which spans 01 April – 31 March.

Reporting Year	Count of children aged 0 – 2 who entered care
2021/22	79
2022/23	79
2023/24	62

Note: this covers all children who entered care and is not limited to those granted care orders.

Reasons for entering care may include the following:

- Interim care orders
- Full care orders
- Placement order granted
- Accommodated under S20
- Detained on child protection grounds in LA accommodation

- Under police protection
- Subject to an emergency protection order
- Under a child assessment order
- Youth justice legal Statuses
- On remand or committed for trial
- Under the police and criminal evidence [PACE] act
- Under a supervision order with residence requirement

2. How many infants (0-2 years AND unborn babies) were referred to children's services with domestic abuse identified as:

a) the primary factor, or

b) a contributing factor

in 2021, 2022, and 2023?

The number of cases where children aged 0-2 and unborn babies were referred to children's services with domestic abuse identified as:

a. The primary factor

Reporting Year	Number of children (unborn and 0-2)
2021/22	139
2022/23	96
2023/24	73

These figures represent contacts that resulted in a referral to social care.

b. A contributing factor – i.e. domestic violence identified as a potential risk factor at assessment

Reporting Year	Number of children (unborn and 0-2)
2021/22	433
2022/23	406
2023/24	385

3. How many infants (0-2 years) entered care due to domestic abuse being:

a) the primary factor, or

b) a contributing factor

in 2021, 2022, and 2023?

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.

The reasons for a child entering care are complex and may not be directly attributable to domestic violence having been the primary factor identified at contact or as a risk factor during an assessment. To determine whether domestic violence was the reason for the child entering care, assessment of individual cases would be required which will exceed 18 hours work.

This part of your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

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Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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