

Freedom of Information Request FOI1042

Request:

I'd like to request the following under the FOI act:

1. The number of section 47 enquiries opened by children's social care in each of the last five years (calendar or financial, whatever is available) and a breakdown of the reason for the enquiry, where recorded, for example, criminal exploitation or sexual abuse.

Submitted on 29/03/19.

Response:

- 2014/15 414
- 2015/16 394
- 2016/17 501
- 2017/18 332
- 2018/19 388

Unfortunately the reason for S47 enquiry is not recorded in a reportable manner and would require a manual check of all records, therefore this part of the request is refused under s12 (1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.

In assessing the cost of complying, the costs attributable to officer time involved in complying have been taken into account. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the Regulations, which equates to eighteen hours of officer time.

If applicable: (You may wish to refine your request by narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or period of time relevant to the information required.)

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