



Reference: FOI1183

Request:

I would be grateful if the appropriate information officer in your children's social services could provide data in response to the following questions:

- How many referrals have been made to your local authority's social services mentioning concerns about fabricated or induced illness (FII) in a child for each of the financial years 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019?
- How many families have been put on a child protection plan following concerns about fabricated or induced illness (FII) in a child for each of the financial years 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019?
- How many cases has your local authority taken to court as a result of concerns about fabricated or induced illness (FII) in a child for each of the financial years 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019?
- How many children have been removed from their families following concerns about fabricated or induced illness (FII) in a child for each of the financial years 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019?

Response:

This information is not recorded in an extractable format. In order to respond to this request, it would require a manual check of 7,942 individual records which would exceed the appropriate limit. Therefore 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.