



Reference: FOI1946

Request:

Which organisation (if any) does the local authority commission to deliver Return Home Interviews for children who have been missing?

Two services within the council deliver return interviews. The Participation, Advocacy & Engagement Team conduct the conversations with looked after children and/or children with an assigned social worker. The Early Help Team conduct conversations with any young person with an assigned worker and other young people where a police notification has been received but there is no worker attached to family.

How many Return Home Interviews were offered by your local authority (or commissioned service) from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019?

585

How many Return Home Interviews were delivered by your local authority (or commissioned service) from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019? (i.e. the child was actually interviewed)

261

How many times was child criminal exploitation (CCE), such as county lines, raised as an issue in these Return Home Interviews?

This question can't be answered with data recorded electronically, and unless it is held elsewhere it would require manually reviewing each of the 261 return interviews. 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.

Are Return Home Interviews only offered to Looked After Children, or are there other groups that are eligible for Return Home Interviews? If so, please list eligible groups.

Please see above answer to Q1