

Reference: FOI-925

**Request:**

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like to request the following information:

1. What is the current number of looked-after children who are missing from your local authority?
2. Could you provide information on the duration of each missing child's absence as of the date of this request?
3. Among the looked after children currently missing, how many have been absent for more than 28 days?
4. Of the looked after children who are currently missing, how many are believed to have absconded?
5. How many of the currently missing looked after children are suspected to have been abducted or involved with a third party?
6. Of the looked after children who are missing, how many are missing from foster homes in comparison to secure units, children's homes and other local authority provisions?

**Response:**

1. At the date the request was submitted (13<sup>th</sup> May 2023) X number of looked after children were missing from the Authority. The Code of Practice for Official Statistics requires that reasonable steps should be taken to ensure that all published or disseminated statistics protect confidentiality.

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To do this totals are rounded and small numbers are suppressed. "x" – numbers less than or equal to 5 are suppressed to protect confidentiality.

2. The period of time ranges from 2.2 hours to 2 days.
3. 0
4. 0
5. 0
6. At the time of the request, 0 children were missing from foster homes.

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