Reference: FOI0136



Request:

Please can you tell me how many children have been identified by the council as witnessing or suffering domestic abuse in each year over the past 5 years.

Please can you also tell me what action was taken by the council in each case e.g. referred to police.

Response:

Due to the number of referrals received by Children's Social Care in the past five years, individual case records would need to be viewed to identify and ascertain the outcome of the referral manually. Therefore, this 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.

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