



Reference: FOI0298

Request:

Please release the following information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act - into how many complaints were made against social workers in: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017.

Also, of how many adoptions took place in the years: 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017.

Later Clarification: I'm asking how many adoptions proceeded without consent and how many malpractice and misconduct complaints were made, from 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017

Response:

To answer this request it would mean having to identify each individual complaint by checking through historic reports, search on each record and read through the full complaint to establish if it was about a Social Worker. There are nearly 450 complaints for the period given.

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.