



Reference: FOI0726

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you provide me with:

1/ The number of safeguarding alerts which have been triggered concerning children in children's homes over the last 4 full financial years (including 2017/18) broken down by the following:

a) in total, b) child sexual exploitation safeguarding alerts, c) sexual abuse safeguarding alerts, d) child criminal exploitation safeguarding alerts (frequently 'county lines')

please see attached spreadsheet - "FOI 0726 - Safeguarding Alerts"

2/ The number of safeguarding alerts which have triggered an investigation under Organised/Complex Abuse procedures concerning children's homes and their staff over the last 4 full financial years (including 2017/18). Organised/ Complex Abuse is defined as abuse involving one or more abusers and a number of related or non-related abused children. A definition can be found in Section 8.1 here: http://www.londoncp.co.uk/chapters/organised_complex.html#define

none

3/ Over the last financial year (April 2017- March 2018), on how many occasions where looked after children went missing and were then found, were they found to have been:

a) sexually assaulted or exploited while they were missing
b) involved in the sale of drugs while they were missing

There were 252 missing episodes for children from a Children Home in 2017-18. However, data on parts a) and b) of question 3 were not recorded in a structured manner which would allow aggregation. This would require the examination of all 252 return interviews to provide this response.

Please include all known incidences. Most of this information will be produced by Independent Return interviews which are conducted after children in care go missing. The findings are shared with the local authority when produced by a different authority on their behalf. Please see this link for more information:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/208528/Statutory_guidance_on_children_who_run_away_or_go_missing_from_home_or_care_consultation_-_final.pdf

4/ Please provide the highest amount paid on all services provided to an individual Looked After Child in the last financial year (2017/18)?

£242,678 Placement costs only

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5/ Please provide the highest amount paid on semi-independent accommodation for an individual child for the last financial year (2017/18)?

£133,070 Placement costs only

This request refers to children's homes only apart from question 5.

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