

FOI 3658

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would be grateful if you could please provide the following regarding registration of children on the Child Protection Register and Child Protection Case Conferences:

- **In the last 5 years, on how many occasions has a GP been in attendance at a Child Protection Case Conference?**
- **Please break down the above answer regarding GPs into which Trust area they attended the conferences.**
- **In the last 5 years, on how many has an external advocate or solicitor been in attendance at a Child Protection Case Conference?**
- **In the last 5 years, on how many occasions has a supportive friend been in attendance at a Child Protection Case Conference?**
- **In the last 5 years, on how many occasions has the child themselves been in attendance at a Child Protection Case Conference?**

Response:

Over the period March'2020 – March'2025, there have been 4684 Child Protection Case Conferences.

In relation to the above request for information regarding attendance of GPs, external advocates or solicitors, the Trust does not hold this data in a readily available format and to provide it would require a manual trawl of records, which would take more than 18 hours.

Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Public Authorities are not obliged to comply with an information request where to do so would exceed the cost limit. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide the information you have requested as the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the "appropriate limit" as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. It has been estimated that it would take more than 18 hours to locate and retrieve the requested information. In order to obtain this information and it would exceed the £450 limit and is therefore cost prohibitive.

Furthermore, under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, we can advise that it would require an extensive manual review of records just to ascertain if information relevant to your request is held. As such, we advise that there is no way to refine this request to bring it within the appropriate limit

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