

FOI 1657

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

How many children born in 2017 had, before their fifth birthday, been subject in your Health and Social Care Trust area of:

- A child in need referral
- A child protection referral
- Been a child in need
- Had a child protection investigation
- Been placed on the child protection register
- For children who have been registered what was the category of abuse on first registration
- Been subject of a supervision order (Article 50 or 57)
- Became looked after
- Been subject of a care order (Article 50 or 57)
- Became looked after and whose plan was Permanence via adoption
- Who were adopted

Response:

In response to the FOI regarding children born in 2017, the information is provided based on the figures extracted from our Trust reporting systems as at 31 March 2023. The following data is collated from Southern Health and Social Care records as at 31.3.2020 and or where available for the period 1.1.2017 – 31.12.202 and relates to children born in 2017, before their fifth birthday;

- **A child in need referral** = during the period 1.1.2017 – 31.12.22 there were 1857 children referred.
- **A child protection referral** = during the period 1.1.2017 – 31.12.22 there were 73 child protection referrals.
- **Been a child in need** = as at 31.3.23 there 325 children born in 2017 assessed as children in need prior to their 5th birthday.
- **Had a child protection investigation** = during the period 1.1.2017 and 31.12.22 there were approximately 104 children.
- **Been placed on the child protection register** = as at 31.3.23 there were 20 children on Child Protection Register.
- **For children who have been registered what was the category of abuse on first registration** = the first categories of registration included; potential, suspected and confirmed neglect; physical abuse; emotional abuse and potential sexual abuse.
- **Been subject of a supervision order** (Article 50 or 57) = as at 31.3.23 less than five children were subject of a Supervision Order.

The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality, in line with this duty the figure <5 has been provided where figures are very low. This is because of the potential risk of identification of an individual. In reaching this decision the Trust has taken into account the small geographical area which the Trust serves.

- **Became looked after** = as at 31.3.23 there were 19 children looked after.
- **Been subject of a care order (Article 50 or 57)** = as at 31.3.23 there were 14 children subject of Art 50 or 57.
- **Became looked after and whose plan was Permanence via adoption** = as at 31.3.23 there were less than 5 children with permanence plan of adoption.
- **Who were adopted** – During the period 1.1.2017 – 31.12.22 there were 10 children adopted.

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