



Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 001260
Date 26 June 2017

Children Taken into Care

Request:

In relation to the first 20 cases of children that were taken into care (either interim or full) by your authority in the 2017 calendar year please provide me with the following information in connection with each of these cases.

1. The sex of the child?
2. The age of the child?
3. If any of the following factors are recorded in the papers you hold on the case as having been a factor in the council's decision to take the child into care: (a) proximity to a dangerous dog (b) the obesity of the child, (c) a concern the child spends too much time playing computer games and/or on the internet, (d) the child's home environment is unhealthy due to cigarette smoke, (e) the parents do not care adequately for the child because they spend too much time watching television and/or on the internet or (f) that the child has poor dental hygiene.

In response to your above questions, please see table provided on page 2.

Please note that with reference to question 3, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information in the specific categories you have requested above. Consequently, we are unable to provide the above factors information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

However, we are able to provide you with the category of need codes that we use which we hope will be able to assist you.

2017

Case No	Sex of Child	Age of Child	Category
1	Male	16	Abuse Parenting
2	Male	0	Abuse or Neglect
3	Female	14	Abuse or Neglect
4	Male	9	Abuse or Neglect
5	Female	12	Family in Acute Stress
6	Female	9	Family in Acute Stress
7	Male	5	Family in Acute Stress
8	Male	2	Abuse or Neglect
9	Female	0	Abuse or Neglect
10	Male	13	Abuse or Neglect
11	Male	8	Abuse or Neglect
12	Male	8	Abuse or Neglect
13	Male	11	Abuse or Neglect
14	Male	7	Abuse or Neglect
15	Male	16	Family Dysfunction
16	Male	17	Family in Acute Stress
17	Male	16	Socially Unacceptable Behaviour
18	Male	9	Parental Disability or Illness
19	Male	0	Abuse or Neglect
20	Male	11	Abuse or Neglect