

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 001712
Date 17 November 2017

Forced Marriage

Request:

I am writing to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Forced marriage:

For each of the financial years 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17, please can you disclose:

1. The number of reports received by the local authority relating to forced marriages or suspected forced marriages?
2. The age of the youngest victim of a forced marriage or suspected forced marriage?
3. The number of victims of a forced marriage or suspected forced marriage who were aged 15 or under?
4. The number of victims of a forced marriage or suspected forced marriage who were pregnant or had any children when they were aged 15 or under?
5. The number of victims of a forced marriage or suspected forced marriage who were pregnant or had any children when they were aged 17 or under?
6. The number of care proceedings undertaken by the local authority relating to forced marriages?
7. The number of care proceedings undertaken by the local authority relating to victims of a forced marriage or suspected forced marriage who were pregnant or had any children when they were aged 15 or under?
8. The number of care proceedings undertaken by the local authority relating to the children had by victims of forced marriage?
9. The number of times the local authority reported to the police the father of the children had by victims of forced marriage?

Risk of forced marriage:

For each of the financial years 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17, please can you disclose:

1. The number of reports received by the local authority relating to those at risk of forced marriages?
2. The number of care proceedings undertaken by the local authority relating to those at risk of forced marriages?
3. The age of the youngest victim at risk of a forced marriage?
4. The number of victims at risk of a forced marriages who were aged 15 or under?
5. The number of victims at risk of a forced marriages who were aged 17 or under?

Following reasonable enquiries, it has been established that the Council does not hold the above requested information.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("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".

To advise and assist you under Section 16 of the FOIA, you need to re-direct your enquiry to the relevant public authority. For reference we have provided their link below:

West Midlands Police:
<https://foi.west-midlands.police.uk/>