

## Response to Request for Information

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### ***Children's Social Services Prioritisation, Funding and Staffing***

**Request:**

This is a Freedom of information request to assist research into children's social services prioritisation, funding and staffing.

1. Please indicate in column how the following functions provided by your authority's children's social services are prioritised by your service from 1 – 20 (1 = highest priority, 20 = lowest priority)
2. Please indicate which, if any of these functions are not being provided, or not being adequately provided, due to funding difficulties.
3. Please indicate which, if any of these functions are not being provided, or not being adequately provided, due to staffing difficulties.

	Priority	funding	staffing
Child at risk due to having drug addicted parent			
Child at risk of physical abuse			
Child at risk due to alcoholic parent			
Child who has committed a serious criminal offence			
Child at risk of FII			
Child at risk as child is drug or addict, or alcoholic			
Child with parents recently died			
Child is home educated referred with concerns.			
Child is home educated, referred no concerns			
Child at risk of sexual abuse			
Child at risk as prostitute			
Child at risk of sexual exploitation			
Child at risk of FGM			
Child at risk as absconded from care			
Child at risk of radicalisation			
Child with complex needs due to disability			
Child with moderate needs due to disability			
Child at risk of physical neglect			
Child at risk of emotional harm			
Other, please specify			

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

In respect of your above questions, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information in the format requested as this is not how we prioritise our work. In terms of prioritisation of services offered, staffing and funding, this is based on the assessed needs of individual children and their families, it is not based on the categories listed in the request.

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 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".