

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 002583
Date 26 July 2018

Domestic Abuse

Request:

Please can you tell me how many children have been identified by the council as witnessing or suffering domestic abuse in each year over the past 5 years.

In respect of the above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold all of the above information.

Consequently, we are unable to provide information relating to the years 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 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".

Please find below the information we can provide you with:

2015-2016

3,087 children's social care referrals, associated with 2541 children where domestic violence was a concern in their current and/or previous household.

2016-2017

3,401 children's social care referrals, associated with 2888 children where domestic violence was a concern in their current and/or previous household.

2017-2018

2,277 children's social care referrals, associated with 2042 children where domestic violence was a concern in their current and/or previous household.

Please can you also tell me what action was taken by the council in each case e.g. referred to police

Numbers of Referrals and Outcome

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Social Care Assessment	1600	2284	1681
Strategy Discussion	-	373	422
Referral to Early Help	-	158	55
Refer to Other Organisation	600	59	4
NFA - Advice and Information/Signposting	431	502	115
No Further Action	455	25	0

% of Referrals and Outcome

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
% Social Care Assessment	51.8	67.2	73.8
% Strategy Discussion	-	11.0	18.5
% Referral to Early Help	-	4.6	2.4
% Refer to Other Organisation	19.4	1.7	0.2
% NFA - Advice and Information/Signposting	14.0	14.8	5.1
% No Further Action	14.7	0.7	0.0