

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to request information under the provisions laid out in the Freedom of Information Act (2000). My requests relate to the procedure of interviewing potential child victims of modern slavery/human trafficking.

I would greatly appreciate it if you could provide the following information within the specified time frames:

1. The number of individuals under the age of 18 who are potential victims of modern slavery/human trafficking and have been interviewed by a Joint Investigation Team comprised of both children's social care/children's social services department and the local police force from April 2018 till present?
2. Please detail if the children's services department and the local police force in your area are co-located?
 - o The term co-location to mean not only physically located together, but also the sharing of case management systems and processes.
3. Please provide a copy of any policy, guidance, training and/or instruction document on the use of joint interviewing for social workers and police officers in your Local Authority area.

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Request.

The response from the department concerned is as follows:

1. We are not able to report on this requested figure. Anecdotally the figure would be very low. There will be some additional young people where there are concerns about criminal exploitation/County lines who will be seen to fall within the definition of trafficking and an NRM completed usually by the police. Of these who have had a joint investigation we cannot currently report and the time it would require to manually search and report on this would be outside of the limits for a FOI.
2. Childrens services and the Police are not co-located in Nottinghamshire
3. Nottinghamshire has not produced detailed additional guidance for joint interviewing of children and young people. There is some joint training between police and social care following 'achieving best evidence' guidelines. Training is police led and further details should be requested from Nottinghamshire police if required. It is national ABE guidance that is applied in any joint interview situation. Our safeguarding partnership procedures point at this process rather than try to replicate detailed national guidance.

I hope this now satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the details below.

In addition to this and for future reference Nottingham County Council regularly publishes previous FOIR,s and answers on its website, under Disclosure logs. (see link)
<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

You can use the search facility using keywords.

If you wish to raise any concerns about the way your request was dealt with, then please write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail foi@nottscc.gov.uk quoting the reference number above.

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