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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Freedom of Information Request NCC-NCC-048308-20  
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information about children taken into care. You specifically asked:

**How many children did you take into care (either interim or full) in the last financial year 2019/20 where the child's proximity to a dog was cited as a factor in the care proceedings? For each child please state if the issue surrounded either the (a) potential danger of a dog attack, (b) the hygiene issues of living in proximity to a dog or (c) both (a) and (b)?**

I'm afraid that we do not capture proximity to a dog as a reportable factor for a child becoming looked after. There were 362 admissions in to care last financial year and a detailed review of the cases to identify if proximity to a dog was a presenting issue to a child being taken in to care would likely take an hour per case, and would therefore exceed the cost threshold for identifying information to be able to provide a response under FOI, and we are therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act

I hope that you find this information to be helpful, however if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, then please email us at [foi@nottsc.gov.uk](mailto:foi@nottsc.gov.uk) quoting the reference NCC-048308-20 and we will be happy to review your request

With kind regards

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