

Dear Requester,

Thank you for your Freedom of Information Request.

The Council's Response is as follows:

In relation to the first 20 cases of children that were taken into care (either interim or full) by your authority in the 2021 calendar year please provide me with the following information in connection with each of these cases.

1. The sex of the child?
2. The age of the child?
3. If any of the following factors are recorded in the papers you hold on the case as having been a factor in the council's decision to take the child into care: (a) proximity to a dangerous dog (b) the obesity of the child, (c) a concern the child spends too much time playing computer games and/or on the internet, (d) the child's home environment is unhealthy due to cigarette smoke, (e) the parents do not care adequately for the child because they spend too much time watching television and/or on the internet or (f) that the child has poor dental hygiene.

Unfortunately this information is not recorded in a way that would allow us to readily extract it and it would require a manual search of individual records to identify the detail you have requested.

You may be aware that there is a statutory limit to the amount of time authorities are required to spend locating and extracting information in order to respond to a request. This is defined in the Fees and Appropriate Limit Regulations and currently stands at 18 hours. We estimate that it will take one officer in excess of this time to locate and extract the information you have requested.

Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act we are not obliged to process requests that exceed this limit.

If you can narrow the scope of your request in some way we may be able to provide some information, although I cannot guarantee that this will be the case. Any refined request we receive will be treated as a new request.

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 FOIRs 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@nottsc.gov.uk quoting the reference number above.

Kind Regards

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