

Freedom of information request NCC-050475-21

Thank you for your recent Freedom of information request for ease we have provided a response alongside each point as follows:

Please supply the following information, in respect of **each of the last three years (1 April to 31 March)**:

1) The number of child abuse and/or neglect allegations against people who work with children notified to your Local Authority Designated Officer in respect of a child placed/held in any of the following in your area (*please provide data for each category of establishment*):

1. Children's home
2. Secure children's home
3. Semi-independent or independent accommodation
4. Independent boarding school (private boarding school that does not fall within category (5) below)
5. State boarding school (run by local council, academy or free school and does not fall within category (f) below)
6. Residential special school (N.B. schools which accommodate children for more than 295 days a year must be registered as children's homes, so please include data relating to those in (1) above)
7. Mental health inpatient unit
8. Hospital that does not fall within category (7) above
9. Young offender institution
10. Secure training centre
11. Immigration removal centre / short-term holding facility
12. Police custody

Please see attached pdf.

2) Where possible, please provide the figures for question 1 above broken down by type of abuse:

- Child sexual exploitation
- Emotional abuse
- Neglect
- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Other

Please see attached Pdf.

3) The number of Section 47 enquiries* conducted in respect of a child placed/held in any of the following in your area (*please provide data for each category of establishment*):

1. Children's home
2. Secure children's home
3. Semi-independent or independent accommodation
4. Independent boarding school (private boarding school that does not fall within category (5) below)
5. State boarding school (run by local council, academy or free school and does not fall within category (6) below)
6. Residential special school (N.B. schools which accommodate children for more than 295 days a year must be registered as children's homes, so please include data relating to those in (1) above)
7. Mental health inpatient unit
8. Hospital that does not fall within category (7) above
9. Young offender institution

10. Secure training centre
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4) Please provide the outcomes of these Section 47 enquiries* (requested in question 3) using the headings below:

- Abuse or neglect substantiated
- Abuse or neglect not substantiated
- Child moved
- Other children in establishment interviewed
- Other children moved
- Child provided counselling or other emotional support
- Member of staff convicted of criminal offence
- Criminal proceedings against member of staff ongoing
- Member of staff subject to disciplinary action
- Staff disciplinary proceedings online
- Other – please state

***Section 47 refers to Section 47 of the Children Act 1989.**

You may be aware that there is a statutory limit to the amount of time authorities are required to spend retrieving and collating information in order to respond to a request. This is defined in the Fees and Appropriate Limit Regulations and currently stands at 2.5 days or 18 hours.

Nottinghamshire County Council can advise that this information can only be provided by undertaking a manual review of each record held for the three years requested we have had 1,233 'Allegations and concerns against professionals – initial consideration' steps and 567 'allegations and concerns against professionals strategy meetings' completed, and this would take one officer more than eighteen hours to complete this, and so would exceed the cost limit for provision of information under the FOI Act. This is therefore exempt in accordance with Section 12 of the FOI Act.

In line with section 16 (2) providing advice and assistance to the requester If you can narrow the scope of your request in some way we may be able to provide some information, although we cannot guarantee that this will be the case as we would still need to manually review each record held. Any refined request we receive will be treated as a new request.

We hope this information provided will be of assistance, however if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, then please email us at foi@nottscc.gov.uk quoting the reference NCC-050475-21 and we will be happy to review your request

With kind regards

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