

- 1) A list of all safeguarding incidents which have occurred in special school calming/secure/sensory/quiet rooms since January 1st 2019. Please detail when the incidents occurred, a description of what was alleged to have occurred and who reported it, any action taken in response and any outcomes.

The Local Authority does not record individual incidents that occur in schools unless they are escalated to be addressed as safeguarding concerns or via formal complaints procedure. Any referrals would be recorded via the front door children's social care.

- 2) Please detail any section 47 safeguarding referrals or complex abuse investigations relating to such incidents or practices which have occurred in the period. Please state what the allegations were, provide a description of the incident and detail the nature of the investigation along with any outcomes.

We do not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) relieves a public authority from the obligation to comply with a request for information where the estimated time required to locate, review and extract the information exceeds a certain threshold set out in Regulations.

The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 (SI 2004/3244) set out the rules in relation to the cost limit (otherwise called the "appropriate limit"). These Regulations are published by the Office of Public Sector Information (OPSI) and are viewable on their web site from this link: http://www.opsi.gov.uk/sj/si2004/uksi_20043244_en.pdf

The Regulations set out the cost limit for Government departments and for other public authorities. For local government, Regulation 3 states that the cost limit is £450 and Regulation 4(4) states that the prescribed hourly rate is £25. Regulation 4(4) further provides that where the local authority estimates the time taken to gather the information would exceed this limit (which based on the prescribed hourly rate, equates to 18 officer hours), it may refuse the request under section 12 of FoIA.

I am satisfied the cost limit applies to your request and will explain why this is the case.

The number of S.47 referrals since 01/01/2019 is 9042. To respond to the request would involve a manual investigation of each of these records. If we estimate a minimum of 5 minutes, then it would take over 753 hours.

The estimate of 5 minutes per case is the minimum as it could take longer