



Please could you provide the following information and where possible, please can responses be split by gender (i.e. numbers of boys and girls). In the past 12 months:

1. How many boys had a Child In Need plan? 1055
2. How many boys had a Child Protection plan? 345
3. How many boys received Special Educational Needs Support? From Jan 24 Census to Jan 25 Census - 5468
4. How many boys had an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP)? From 01/06/2024 - 2,676
5. How many boys were a Looked After Child? 499
6. How many Looked After Boys were placed into your area from another area? 225
7. How many Looked After Boys were placed out of your area into another area? 200
8. How many boys were believed to be victims of criminal exploitation? 85

9. How many adults under the age of 25 were believed to be victims of criminal exploitation?

We do not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format as the local authority categorises safeguarding alerts under the 10 specific categories of abuse as per the Care Act 2014. Exploitation may cross into one or more of these 10 categories.

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/si/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.

This would consist of a desktop review of every safeguarding alert (15 mins per review as a low bar estimate) and we have thousands of alerts per annum. This exceeds the 18-hour limit stipulated in the Act.

10. How many boys were living in temporary accommodation?	Less than 10
11. How many adults under the age of 25 were living in temporary accommodation?	Less than 10
12. How many boys were receiving support for substance misuse?	Males in treatment with the Young Persons Service. 80 - 23/24 24/25 data has not been released on NDTMS.net
13. How many adults under the age of 25 were receiving support for substance misuse?	Unable to filter to the requested age range. 390 Adults aged 18-29 were in treatment in 23/24 24/25 data has not been released on NDTMS.net