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Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Thank you for requesting information about Child Trafficking, Your request has been considered under the above legislation.

You have requested the following information:

For each of the past 3 calendar years (2013, 2014 and for 2015 up until the time you answer this request), how many children have come to the attention of the local authority where statutory agencies held a suspicion that they had been trafficked? Please break down these figures by age group (under 10, 10-16 and 16 and over)

For each of the past 3 calendar years (2013, 2014 and for 2015 up until the time you answer this request), how many of these subsequently went missing from care?

Of those children, how many were safely returned, for each of the past 3 calendar years (2013, 2014 and for 2015 up until the time you answer this request)?

Following careful consideration, the Council regrets to inform you that it has decided not to disclose this information.

Information you have requested has been withheld from disclosure. The exemption engaged is Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("The Act").

Section 12 of the Act allows Public Authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which for a local authority is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

However, if you pay the fee as set out in this notice, your request will be processed. The estimated cost of processing your request is approximately £18,000 for each year. In order to determine what level of information we hold, a manual trawl would be required through each individual case file to extract the relevant information, approximately 26,000 files for the period 2013 - 2015. Since a substantial amount of work will be involved in processing your request as it is currently phrased, I am afraid a fee is payable before we can provide you with the information. This charge has been calculated in accordance with Section 13 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Freedom of Information Fees Regulations.

Payment can be made via the Council web site. To do this, go to [Pay Online](#), select from the Account Group drop down menu Council & Democracy and Request for Information from the Account Type (it may take a moment for this option to appear). Please put your request reference number in the 'Account' box.

If you wish us to continue to process your request you should pay the fee by **30th April 2016**. If we do not receive payment of the fee by this date, I will take it that you do not wish to pursue this request and will consider the request closed.

Alternatively it may be possible that you could narrow down the scope of your request, for example, by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain, including any dates or periods of time relevant to the information required. **Please note** though that any reformulated request will be treated as a fresh request.

Alternatively, you may want to look at the information we already publish to see if what you are looking for is already available via the Council's FOI/EIR [Disclosure Log](#); [Publication Scheme](#); [Facts about Coventry](#) or [Open Data](#).

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk.

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email: casework@ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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