Dear [Redacted]

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

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

You have requested the following information:

How many cases involving child sexual exploitation have you considered so far this year? The umbrella term ‘child sexual exploitation’ is being used by us to cover sexual assault, rape, trafficking and grooming of children under the age of 16.

There are a number of processes within the Local Authority where a risk of Child Sexual Exploitation can be identified. Most of these processes hold paper records and it is not possible to report on particular factors, however we do know that 87 Social Care Assessments identified CSE as a factor between 01/01/14 and 29/09/14, and that 32 children interviewed who had previously gone missing from home were established to be at risk from Child Sexual Exploitation.

Coventry City Council People’s Directorate are setting up a team which will be dedicated to working on cases of possible or identified sexual exploitation.

The team will be headed by a Service Manager, who will also manage the Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub, and will have social work staff and managers as well as a Police Officer and a member of staff from Health.

It will receive information about young people, whether or not they are already known to Children’s Social Care or other agencies and will build knowledge on identified cases and themes.
How many children and young people involved in CSE have gone missing from local authority run care homes in the last year?

1 child involved in CSE went missing from The Grange Residential Children’s Home and 3 children went missing from Gravel Hill Residential Children’s Home last year.

No children went missing from Broad Park

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