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Dear Sir/Madam.

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: REQ07585

Thank you for your request for information relating to cohorts of children assessed by Children's Social Care.

You have requested the following information:

I am enquiring about children where there are concerns about the following cohorts of children assessed by children's social care and some specific issues about what happens to them in the two years following an assessment. This information is collected in the Children in Need Census but not published. Please use the attached spreadsheet for the data from your response and for clarification of the requested data and format. The terms below are those used in this census

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For the following cohorts of children who, on their first assessment with factor data during the year ending 31st March 2017:

- A. Those without a factor 4B or 5B
- B. Those with a factor 4B or 5B
- C. Those with a factor 4B or 5B plus either a factor 1B or a factor 2B
- D. Those with a factor 4B or 5B plus a factor 3B

E. Those with a factor 4B or 5B plus factor 3B plus either a factor 1B or factor 2B

Where factor:

- 4B is Mental health: concerns about the mental health of the parent/carer.
- 5B is Learning disability: concerns about the parent(s)/carer(s) learning disability.
- 1B is Alcohol misuse: concerns about alcohol misuse by the parent/carer.
- 2B is Drug misuse: concerns about drug misuse by the parent/carer

• 3B is Domestic violence: concerns about the child's parent/carer being the subject of domestic violence

Please provide:

1. The breakdown by cohort and the breakdown by age band (including unborn children) and ethnicity.

Please see the attached spreadsheet.

- 2. Where there also was a factor of concern about maltreatment (codes 16A, 17A, 18A and 19A) in the initial assessment, the breakdown by cohort and factor for:
- a. Neglect (16A)
- b. Emotional abuse (17A)
- c. Physical abuse (18A)
- d. Sexual abuse (19A)

For Questions 2a to 2d, please see the table below.

	All	Neglect	Emotional abuse	Physical abuse	Sexual abuse
Cohort A	3,180	488	828	527	252
Cohort B	1,005	305	447	174	67
Cohort C	414	180	229	76	22
Cohort D	521	169	309	99	30
Cohort E	278	115	187	61	11

3. Where, in the two years following assessment the child became a child in need, the breakdown by cohort plus the breakdown by primary category of need (codes N0 to N9) on the first episode of need within the two-year period. This will include children who became a child in need following a later assessment or referral. The details of primary need is the one recorded for the first of any episodes of need in the two years.

Please see the attached spreadsheet.

Please be advised that these figures will include children who became a child in need following a later assessment or referral. The details of primary need at assessment are for the first of any episodes of need.

In line with DfE definitions for the annual Children In Need statutory return, a child is classed as in need on referral and assigned a primary need category. Therefore, all the children with assessments completed in 2016/17 will have a primary need code at the point of assessment which is shown above.

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Yours faithfully

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