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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI677453798

Thank you for your request for information relating to Home education and child protection plans.

You have requested the following information:

1) How many children in your local authority area are being home educated?

As at 10 January 2025, a total of 545 children had been home educated.

2) How many children in your local authority area are currently on a child protection plan?

2a) Of these, how many are home educated?

Nil.

3) How many children in your local authority area are subject to an enquiry under Section 47 of the Children Act 1989?

As at 15 January 2025, there are 72 active Section 47s.

3a) Of these, how many are home educated?

4) How many home educated children in total are either on a child protection plan or subject to an enquiry under Section 47 of the Children Act 1989? (E.g. for a child for which both is true, counting them once)

In response to Questions 3a and 4, please note we are unable to disclose the actual number of children as the total number is very low (less than five) and therefore disclosure could identify the

child/ren involved. The Council considers that this information meets the definition for personal data set out in Section 3(2) and 3(3) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) as:

(2) personal data means any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual (subject to subsection (14)(c))”

(3) “Identifiable living individual” means a living individual who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to –

*(a) an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data or an online identifier, or
(b) one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of the individual.”*

The Council thus considers that the requested information is caught by the exemption to disclosure contained in Section 40 (2) of the FOI Act and the related first condition of Section 40 (3).

5) How many children in your local authority have you identified as being at risk of sexual exploitation?

At the end of December 2024, 21 children were open to Horizon (exploitation team), regarding Child Sexual Exploitation concerns.

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Yours faithfully

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