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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI685368572

Thank you for your request for information relating to Voluntary Section 20 Children Act 1989.

You have requested the following information:

For each of the last 5 years please provide the following;

The number of voluntary Section 20 (Children Act 1989) made by parents/guardians/etc to put the child into care.

In response to your request, we confirm the information you requested falls under the exemption(s) in Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.'

The exemption applies as the information is published and publicly available to view by accessing the Looked After Children in England Including Adoptions (903) Returns for 2020-2024 on the Government website, please use the following link:

<https://explore-education-statistics.service.gov.uk/find-statistics/children-looked-after-in-england-including-adoptions>

To assist further, we have provided some guidance to assist you in obtaining the information you have requested on the above link. Please see below:

- Use the Explore data link on the right-hand side of the webpage.
- Click "View or create your own tables".

- Select “CLA starting during the year by characteristics – LA”.
- Click “Create your own table”.

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

For information, we publish a variety of information such as: [FOI/EIR Disclosure Log](#), [Publication Scheme](#), [Facts about Coventry](#) and [Open Data](#) that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

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 icocasework@ico.org.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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