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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI704346462

Thank you for your request for information relating to Section 47 enquiries or investigations, puberty blocker access for children.

You have requested the following information:

1. Please confirm whether your local authority has issued/commenced a Section 47 enquiry or investigation as per the Children's Act of 1989 concerning a child and/or their parents/guardian in relation to overseas access to puberty blockers since May 2024.

2. If yes, please list the total number of Section 47 investigations or enquiries concerning overseas access to puberty blockers, since May 2024.

- I am aware that there may be anonymity concerns. In cases where too few Section 47 orders have been issued, for example <5, please simply state whether they have been issued or not as per question (1)

3. If yes to question (1), where possible, please confirm whether the child was:

Aged 0-10

Aged 11 or above

4. Please confirm whether your local authority has issued/commenced a Section 47 enquiry or investigation as per the Children's Act of 1989 concerning a child and/or their parents/guardian in relation to access to puberty blockers in the UK since May 2024.

5. If yes, please list the total number of Section 47 investigation or enquiries concerning access to puberty blockers in the UK, since May 2024:

- I am aware that there may be anonymity concerns. In cases where too few Section 47 orders have been issued, for example <5, please simply state whether they have been issued or not as per question (4)

6. If yes to question (4), where possible, please confirm whether the child was:

Aged 0-10

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For Questions 1 to 6, we hold the information which you have asked for, but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). 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.

The information is not held in a reportable format hence it would require an officer to manually review each record to determine what information is held and collate the relevant data. It has been estimated that this would exceed the 18-hour limit under the Act to complete. Your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

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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