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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI720171647**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Child criminal exploitation in young males.

You have requested the following information:

As part of a PhD programme of research at the University of Central Lancashire, investigating risk factors for gang related activity and child criminal exploitation in young males, we are writing to request the following information. FOI requests have also been sent to all other local authorities in England, and the project has been approved by the university ethics panel (reference number: SCIENCE 0028 Study_4_v3).

Please could you provide the following information and where possible, please can responses be split by gender (i.e. numbers of boys and girls).

Clarification:

- If unable to provide a number for 12 months, figures as of 1st April 2025 would be fine**
- The request states information is required split by gender - Information for boys only is required. However, if providing this would exceed the FOI limit, overall figures that is non-gender specific would be fine.**
- Definition for age range 'boys?' is under the age of 18 years**

1. How many boys had a Child In Need plan?

485 males had a child in need plan on 1 April 2025.

2. How many boys had a Child Protection plan?

224 males were subject to a child protection plan on 1 April 2025.

3. How many boys received Special Educational Needs Support?

According to the DfE Census, there were approximately 6,642 boys ranged from Nursery to Year 13 who received Special Educational Needs Support, as at January 2025,

4. How many boys had an Education, Health and Care plan (EHCP)?

As at 16 January 2025 (as declared in SEN2 2025), there were approximately 2,249 young boys aged 0 to 17 who had an EHCP.

5. How many boys were a Looked After Child?

417 males were looked after children on 1 April 2025.

6. How many Looked After Boys were placed into your area from another area?

335 males who were looked after children had placements in Coventry local authority having been placed from another area as at 1 April 2025.

7. How many Looked After Boys were placed out of your area into another area?

155 males who were looked after children for whom Coventry LA has responsibility were placed out of the Coventry local authority area.

8. How many boys were believed to be victims of criminal exploitation?

From May 2024 to May 2025, we supported 118 boys in relation to criminal exploitation.

9. How many adults under the age of 25 were believed to be victims of criminal exploitation?

Please see below for the time period 25th June 2024 to 25th June 2025.

Men: 20

Women: 2

10. How many boys were living in temporary accommodation?

On 1st April 2025 there were 956 boys (under 18), in 608 separate households, living in temporary accommodation provided by Coventry City Council under the duties in the Housing Act 1996.

11. How many adults under the age of 25 were living in temporary accommodation?

On 1st April 2025 there were 433 adults under the age of 25, in 330 separate households, living in temporary accommodation provided by Coventry City Council under the duties in the Housing Act 1996. 202 were male, 229 were female and 2 were not known/other/prefer not to say.

12. How many boys were receiving support for substance misuse?

13. How many adults under the age of 25 were receiving support for substance misuse?

In response to Questions 12 and 13, 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 Government website, please use the following link:

<https://www.ndtms.net>

To locate the information requested for Question 12, please follow the below steps:

1. On the above link, select “ViewIt”
2. Select “Young People's Profiles”
3. Apply the following filters:
 - a. Geographic Area West Midlands
 - b. Local Authority - Coventry City Council
 - c. Key Indicator Categories Headline Figures
 - d. Key Indicator – Young People in treatment
 - e. Sex Males
 - f. Age Group – All
4. Generate Output – Figures and the Graph will show below

To locate the information requested for Question 13, please follow the below steps:

1. On the above link, select “ViewIt”
2. Select “Adult profiles”
3. Select “Adults in Treatment”
4. Apply the following filters:
 - a. Select geographic area Coventry
 - b. Display data by – Total
 - c. Substance category All
 - d. Sex – All
 - e. Age Group 18 29
5. The graph will appear, and the data can be exported into Excel by clicking on the three dots

This exemption is not subject to the public interest test.

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who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email icocasework@ico.org.uk.

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Yours faithfully

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