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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI721571023

Thank you for your request for information relating to Child Sexual Exploitation.

You have requested the following information:

1. If the council has a plan intended to specifically address gang-based child special exploitation, or if such a strategy is incorporated within a larger strategy to address CSE.

Coventry Safeguarding Children's Partnership has an Exploitation Strategy 2025 2027 as part of this the partnership has a strategic priority to identify networks.

2. All motions proposed by councillors since July 2024 which call for an inquiry into grooming gangs (whether a local inquiry or a national one in which your local authority would participate)

We confirm there have been no motions proposed by Councillors for a call for an inquiry into grooming gangs since July 2024. However, there was a query which was raised at a meeting which took place on 14 January 2025. The minutes for this meeting are publicly available for you to access on the Council website. Please use the following link:

<https://edemocracy.coventry.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=130>

3. Since July 2024, has the council engaged in correspondence with the Home Office regarding a local inquiry into grooming gangs? If so, please provide the nature of this correspondence.

No.

4. The amount of compensation awarded by the local authority to the victims of CSE between the years 2018 - 2024 and the number of individuals to whom it was awarded.

Nil. Coventry City Council does not hold a specific fund or insurance policy for compensating victims of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). Compensation for such matters is typically pursued through legal proceedings or national schemes such as the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority (CICA). As such, the Council does not hold information on compensation payments made directly to victims of CSE between 2018 and 2024.

5. The amount of compensation awarded by the central government to victims of CSE identified and assisted by your local authority area between the years 2018 - 2024 and the number of individuals to whom it was awarded.

The Council does not hold this information and we are therefore advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. Compensation awarded by central government is administered through national bodies such as the Criminal Injuries Compensation Authority (CICA), which operates independently of local authorities. You may wish to contact the Ministry of Justice or CICA directly for this information.

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Yours faithfully

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