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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI733624266**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Assessments and referrals in your area.

You have requested the following information:

**1. Does your local authority have a process to refer children to targeted early help services when their case is closed after a Child in Need assessment? (Yes or No).**

Yes. There are step down meetings held weekly between area social care teams and their corresponding early help teams and if a step down is agreed this is then actioned according to a standard procedure and a joint home visit for smooth transfer with the family.

**2. For each of the periods and age groups as stated above, how many children received an early help assessment in your local authority?**

See attached.

**3. How many children were subject to a child in need (CIN) assessment?**

See attached.

**4. For how many children was the case closed following the CIN assessment?**

See attached.

**5. How many of the children whose case was closed after CIN assessment were subsequently re-referred for a CIN assessment within 12 months of their initial referral?**

See attached.

**6. How many of the children whose case was closed after the CIN assessment were referred**

## **to early help services?**

See attached.

## **7. Of the group of children who had been referred on to early help services following the closure of their initial CIN assessment, how many were re-referred for a CIN assessment within 12 months?**

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.

This information is not held in a reportable format hence it would require an officer to manually trawl through individual records to answer this question. This will exceed 18 hours. This part of your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

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

Yours faithfully

**Information Governance**

**Case reference: FOI733624266**

**Request title: Assessments and referrals in your area**

**2. How many children received an early help assessment in your local authority**

Distinct count of completed Early Help Assessments in Coventry for Year and Age

| Financial year     | Age Groups  |             |             |                  | Grand Total |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
|                    | 0-4 years   | 5-9 years   | 10-15 years | 16years and over |             |
| FY21               | 326         | 314         | 379         | 92               | 1108        |
| FY22               | 363         | 414         | 547         | 115              | 1438        |
| FY23               | 291         | 403         | 653         | 146              | 1487        |
| FY24               | 342         | 503         | 627         | 139              | 1605        |
| FY25               | 433         | 568         | 919         | 215              | 2133        |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>1623</b> | <b>2008</b> | <b>2782</b> | <b>677</b>       | <b>6732</b> |

**3. How many children were subject to a child in need (CIN) assessment?**

Distinct count of Children & Families Assessments completed for Year and Age

| Financial year     | Age Groups  |             |             |                  | Grand Total  |
|--------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|
|                    | 0-4 years   | 5-9 years   | 10-15 years | 16years and over |              |
| FY21               | 785         | 747         | 893         | 266              | 2687         |
| FY22               | 1205        | 1142        | 1447        | 444              | 4216         |
| FY23               | 1224        | 1129        | 1521        | 545              | 4388         |
| FY24               | 1170        | 1140        | 1546        | 501              | 4327         |
| FY25               | 1192        | 1189        | 1616        | 575              | 4533         |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>4398</b> | <b>4265</b> | <b>5424</b> | <b>2097</b>      | <b>14748</b> |

**4. For how many children was the case closed following the CIN assessment?**

Distinct count of Reason for Closure codes RC8 & RC9 as described in the Request Details for Year and Age

| ENDRSN_CODE        | (Multiple Items) | Filtered to: RC8 & RC9 |             |                  |              |
|--------------------|------------------|------------------------|-------------|------------------|--------------|
| Financial year     | Age Groups       |                        |             |                  | Grand Total  |
|                    | 0-4 years        | 5-9 years              | 10-15 years | 16years and over |              |
| FY21               | 632              | 645                    | 664         | 209              | 2150         |
| FY22               | 522              | 473                    | 501         | 152              | 1648         |
| FY23               | 650              | 653                    | 783         | 287              | 2373         |
| FY24               | 583              | 622                    | 862         | 252              | 2319         |
| FY25               | 586              | 640                    | 820         | 285              | 2331         |
| <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>2973</b>      | <b>3033</b>            | <b>3630</b> | <b>1185</b>      | <b>10821</b> |

**5. How many of the children whose case was closed after CIN assessment were subsequently re-referred for a CIN assessment within 12 months of their initial referral?**

Based on the referral start date and if there had been another referral in the last 12 months and then what was the last reason for closure. Distinctly counting children for Yegars and Age.

|                                    |                         |                        |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>LASTENDRSN</b>                  | <b>(Multiple Items)</b> | Filtered to: RC8 & RC9 |
| <b>NO_OF_PREVIOUS_REFERRALS_12</b> | <b>(Multiple Items)</b> | Filtered to: not 0     |

| - | Financial year     | Age Groups |            |             |                  | Grand Total |
|---|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
|   |                    | 0-4 years  | 5-9 years  | 10-15 years | 16years and over |             |
|   | FY21               | 164        | 223        | 216         | 77               | 680         |
|   | FY22               | 129        | 174        | 148         | 52               | 503         |
|   | FY23               | 127        | 138        | 153         | 71               | 489         |
|   | FY24               | 151        | 157        | 208         | 82               | 598         |
|   | FY25               | 102        | 130        | 158         | 57               | 447         |
|   | <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>673</b> | <b>822</b> | <b>883</b>  | <b>339</b>       | <b>2717</b> |

**6. How many of the children whose case was closed after the CIN assessment were referred to early help services?**

RC9 code only introduced in FY23 into the system. We have used step down from social care form to distinctly count children for Years and Age.

| - | Financial year     | Age Groups |            |             |                  | Grand Total |
|---|--------------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------------|-------------|
|   |                    | 0-4 years  | 5-9 years  | 10-15 years | 16years and over |             |
|   | FY21               | 64         | 52         | 65          | 9                | 187         |
|   | FY22               | 45         | 42         | 57          | 11               | 154         |
|   | FY23               | 23         | 29         | 33          | 10               | 95          |
|   | FY24               | 22         | 19         | 43          | 10               | 94          |
|   | FY25               | 21         | 23         | 36          | 8                | 88          |
|   | <b>Grand Total</b> | <b>173</b> | <b>163</b> | <b>226</b>  | <b>45</b>        | <b>600</b>  |