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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI758436423

Thank you for your request for information relating to S21A Applications in the Court of Protection.

You have requested the following information:

Please provide the following information for the financial years 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24:

- 1. The number of applications made under section 21A of the Mental Capacity Act 2005 in which your local authority has been involved (as applicant, respondent, or other party).**
- 2. The total legal costs incurred by the authority in relation to those s21A applications (including in-house and external representation).**
- 3. If available, a breakdown of those costs by year and/or by internal vs external legal spend.**

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 requested information is not held in a report or summary format. We have therefore estimated it will exceed 18 hours for an officer to manually trawl through all legal files for the last four years to extract the information needed to answer this request. Your request has therefore 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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