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Dear Sir/Madam

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

**Request ID: FOI766580704**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Young father's involved with Children's Services .

You have requested the following information:

**Please provide the following data regarding young fathers who were identified as parents by Children's Services (including Child in Need and Child Protection cases) in the period 2023-2025. Specifically:**

**1. The numbers of fathers involved with Children Services who were aged:**

- a. under 16 years**
- b. 16 - 20 years**
- c. 21 - 25 years**

Statistics are provided for each calendar year for 2023 and 2024. For 2025, statistics span 01 January to 30 November. Counts are provided for young fathers of children with a social care referral which was open in the period reported (i.e. covers cases in which the referral had started prior to or during the reporting year).

**Table 1. Age range distribution for young fathers of children with open social care referrals (January 2023 – November 2025).**

Unique Count of Fathers <sup>1,2</sup>			
Age of father	2023 <sup>3</sup>	2024 <sup>3</sup>	2025
Under 16	c	c	0
16-20	68	54	38
21-25	195	180	131

## Notes

1. Father's date of birth information was available for 84% of referrals, allowing age calculation.
2. The age of the father in each year was calculated as:
  - For cases open at the commencement of the reporting year: age at 01 January.
  - For cases where the social care referral commenced in the reporting year, age on the date of the referral
3. Figures where counts were 5 or fewer are not reported to protect confidentiality and are instead reported as 'c'.

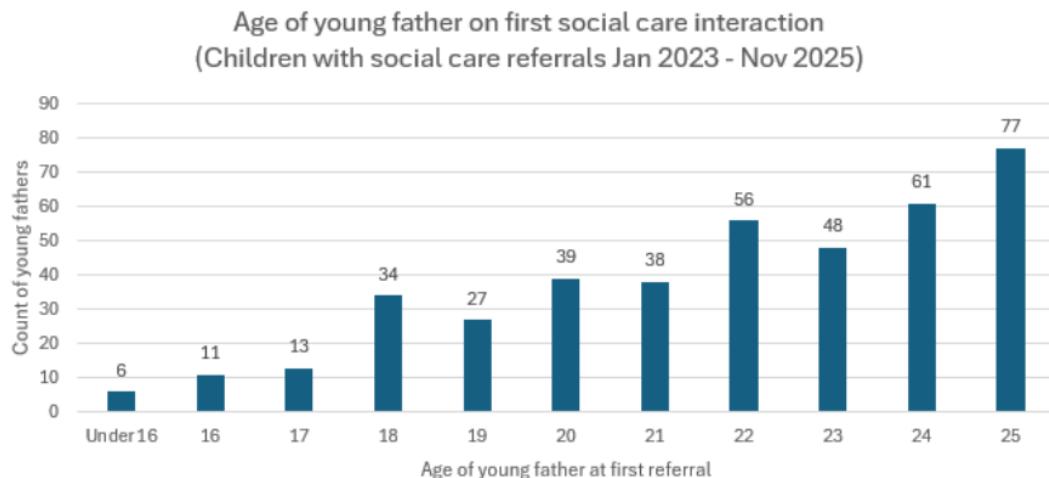
## 2. The age of these young fathers at the time of their first involvement with Children's Services in their role as a father.

The dataset of young fathers responded to in Question 1 comprised 410 discrete individuals with an age range of under 16 to 25. The age of these young fathers was determined for their first involvement in social care and had the following distribution (Table 2; Figure 1):

**Table 2. Age range distribution for young fathers of first social care interaction in role as a father (January 2023 – November 2025).**

Age of father on first social care interaction as a father.	Count of individuals
Under 16	6
16	11
17	13
18	34
19	27
20	39
21	38
22	56
23	48
24	61
25	77
<b>Total</b>	<b>410</b>

**Figure 1.**



**3. All guidance, policy and strategy documents pertaining to the period 2023 – 2025 that specifically address and/or guide Children's Services' involvement with young fathers at strategic and operational levels.**

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 Council website, please use the following link:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/public-health/coventry-parenting-strategy-24-27/7>

The Parenting Strategy 2024-2027 was launched in 2024, which details the investment into parenting programmes for teenagers, and increased parenting provision specifically for dads/partners has been increased through the use of apps such as DadPad.

Within the Family Health & Lifestyles contract, incentives are reviewed on an annual basis, with 'Dads' involvement' being a key purpose for the current year's service delivery. Whilst this isn't specific to young dads, they are a key aspect within the Family Nurse Partnership programme. This incentive means that dads feel more included at appointments, during discussions and more involved in decisions being made. Within the FNP, this also includes the nurse considering the mental health of young fathers.

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Yours faithfully

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