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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI775527092**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Police presence during the removal of children under Emergency Protection Orders.

You have requested the following information:

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information regarding police presence during the removal of children under Emergency Protection Orders. I would like to receive the data I am requesting from the years 2023, 2024 and from 1st January 2025- 30th June 2025.

Specifically I would like to request the following:

1. The total number of occasions where, as a result of an Emergency Protection Order (EPO) under the Children Act 1989, children were removed from parental care by the local authority.

2023: 13

2024: 3

2025 to Jun: 5

2. The total number of occasions where the Family Court authorised the attendance of police at these removals.

3. Where recorded, the total number of police officers who attended at these removals.

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.

For Questions 2 and 3, the information is not held in a reportable format. It would therefore require an officer to manually trawl through individual files to identify and collate the requested information. We estimate that this will exceed 18 hours. This part of your request has therefore been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

The supply of information in response to a FOI/EIR request does not confer an automatic right to re-use the information. You can use any information supplied for the purposes of private study and non commercial research without requiring further permission. Similarly, information supplied can also be re-used for the purposes of news reporting. An exception to this is photographs. Please contact us if you wish to use the information for any other purpose.

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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