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Dear Sir/Madam

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

**Request ID: FOI825542217**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Children's Social Care Safeguarding (Group-based CSE).

You have requested the following information:

**Please provide the following information for the period 2015-2025:**

**1. Referrals: The number of children referred to your local authority's social services where the primary concern or a significant factor was group-based CSE.**

**2. Interventions: Of these referrals, how many resulted in a Section 47 investigation or the child being placed on a Child Protection Plan (CPP)?**

**3. Demographics: A breakdown of these victims and, where recorded, the alleged perpetrators by:**

- **Ethnicity**
- **Religious affiliation**
- **Disability status (specifically including neurodiversity or learning disabilities)**

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.

Information regarding group based CSE is not held in a reportable format. It would require a manual trawl of individual records which would exceed 18 hours work by an officer. 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](mailto: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](mailto:icocasework@ico.org.uk).

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

Yours faithfully

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