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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI830386623**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Cost of Legal services for Children's Services.

You have requested the following information:

1. The total amount spent by Coventry City Council on legal services (internal and external) for Children's Services for the last 2 financial years.

2025/26 - £1.5m

2024/25 £1.6m

Please note these figures do not include Pre Proceedings spend and agency costs.

In addition, there is £100,000 for 2024 25 spend and £87,000 for 2025 26 spend which relates to this cost of outsourced solicitors.

2. The total amount paid to external legal firms in relation to civil claims involving Children's Services for the same period.

Nil.

3. The number of civil claims brought against Children's Services in each of the last 2 financial years.

Three.

4. The total amount paid in settlements and damages in relation to such claims over the same period.

Nil.

5. A breakdown (if available) of legal expenditure on defending civil claims versus claimant costs paid.

Nil.

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Yours faithfully

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