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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: FOI821222356**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Children's Services And EHE data.

You have requested the following information:

CLARIFICATION:

- CME refers to children missing education, clarified as ideally we mean those who moved directly from EHE to CME.
- The questions variously ask for statistics at 01 April 2026 or 01 April 2025 – 01 April 2026. For the range, we can supply data spanning 01 April 2025 – 31 March 2026 to encompass a full financial year rather than one year and one day. Please confirm this is acceptable.

Your response - A full financial year is acceptable

- FOI response time limit:

Please advise of the priority order to answer questions. We will stop at a given question when the time limit is reached.

Your response, the following would be our preference

1b and 1c

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5 a b

6 b

7 b

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Anything else

Q1 – Population Data:

We advise that information is not available for the full child population as at 01 April 2026. The most recent population estimate for children in Coventry local authority is from mid-2024. Clarification: Are the mid-2024 statistics required instead?

If so, you can access this via:

<https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/articles/1435...>

Your response - We shall access that figure thank you

Q5 - Q6 – Time span

Clarification: does the question span 01 April 2025 – 31 March 2026 as is the case for Q2 – Q4Q2 – Q6 – matching to CSA and EHE children.

Your response - Yes same timescale.

Clarification: how should children that reach CSA or commence EHE or go beyond CSA / EHE end date be treated? i.e. please advise of the logic to be applied for a child that transitions from 4 to 5 or 16 to 17 during the year when the social care event may be applicable (referral / s47 / CIN / Child Protection / Child in Care) when they are 4 or 17? For example, should we count children who are 5 or 16 at any point during the financial year?

Your response - If possible please include children who were or became CSA during your involvement.

Please also advise of the logic to be applied with reference to the EHE start / end dates.

Your response - EHE start/end dates would coincide with CSA dates.

1 - Population Data

a) Please provide

i) the total population of children in your area as of 1 April 2026

ii) how many of those are CSA

We advise that information is not available for the full child population as at 01 April 2026. The most recent population estimate for children in Coventry local authority is from mid 2024 (see: <https://www.nomisweb.co.uk/articles/1435...>)

i) The estimated total population of children in Coventry local authority at mid-2024 is 83,561.

ii) The estimated number of children of compulsory school age (CSA) (i.e. aged 5-16) at mid 2024 is estimated at 56,754.

b)

i) Total number of children known to Children's Services as of 1 April 2026

2,916 children were known to Children's Services social care

(Note: this spanned children with an open social care assessment, child in need plan, child protection plan and children in care).

ii) how many of those are pre CSA

660 children were pre-CSA (aged under 5).

iii) how many are post CSA

216 children were post-CSA (aged over 16).

c) Number of those in b) recorded as EHE (as defined above)

34 Children known to Children's Social Care aged 5-16 were recorded as EHE.

Note: This subset refers to social care cases which have progressed to statutory Child in Need / Child Protection services.

2 - Referrals

Between 1 April 2025 and 1 April 2026:

Information is provided for contacts made to Children's Services rather than the subset that represent contacts generating referrals to social care. This approach was taken given the nature of questions in Q7-Q9.

a) Total number of referrals to Children's Services for CSA children

14,706 contacts were made to Children's Services for CSA children between 01 April 2025 and 31 March 2026.

b) Number of referrals involving children recorded as EHE

163 contacts involved children recorded as EHE

c) Of those involving EHE how many children received more than one referral?

58 children involving EHE had more than one contact.

d) Of the referrals involving EHE children, how many involved children known to services due to adoption-related support?

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.

Details relating to whether the contact was in relation to adoption-related support is not contained in reportable fields from the Children's Services case management system. Obtaining this information would require individual case file interrogation exceeding 18 hours. This part of your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

3 - Section 47 Enquiries (Child Protection Investigations)

Between 1 April 2025 and 1 April 2026:

a) Total number of Section 47 enquiries for CSA children

1,685 section 47 enquiries were completed for CSA children between 01 April 2025 and 31 March

b) Number involving EHE children

36 involved EHE children.

4 - Child Protection Plans (CPP)

Between 1 April 2025 and 1 April 2026:

a) Total number of CSA children subject to a Child Protection Plan

573 CSA children subject to a Child Protection Plan between 01 April 2025 and 31 March 2025

b) Number of those children who are EHE

9 of these children were EHE

5 - Children in Need (CIN)

a) Total number of CSA children recorded as Children in Need

4,277 CSA children were recorded as Children in Need spanning 01 April 2025 – 31 March 2026

b) Number of those children who are EHE

81 were EHE

c) Of the EHE children recorded how many are due to accessing disability services in the local offer?

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.

This information is not held in a reportable format. Obtaining this information would require individual case file interrogation exceeding 18 hours. This part of your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

d) Of the EHE children recorded how many are recorded as receiving adoption-related support?

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.

This information is not held in a reportable format. Obtaining this information would require individual case file interrogation exceeding 18 hours. This part of your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

6 - Children in Care (Looked After Children)

a) Total number of CSA children in care

560 CSA children were in care spanning the period 01 April 2025 31 March 2026

b) Number of those children who were EHE immediately prior to entering care

5 or fewer children were EHE immediately prior to entering care. The specific number is not provided to protect confidentiality.

7 - Outcomes of Referrals (EHE vs Overall)

For referrals identified in Question 2:

Please provide a breakdown of outcomes for:

No further action

Early help offered and if it was accepted/declined

Child in need offered and if it was accepted/declined

Section 47 enquiry initiated

Please indicate, where possible, whether adoption-related involvement was a factor in EHE cases.

Provide this for:

a) All children

b) EHE children :

Social care contact outcome	All CSA contacts	EHE CSA contacts	Comment
No further action/ provision of information and advice	9025	93	
Referral to Early help	2645	26	
Referral to social care statutory services (Child in Need / Child Protection)	2942	44	Further partitioning of CIN and s47 not available. <u>However</u> statistics provided separately for CIN and s47 in response to other questions.
Referral to <u>other</u> agency	94	0	
Total	14706	163	

8 - Reasons for Referral

Please provide the recorded primary reasons for referral for EHE children (e.g. neglect, physical abuse, emotional abuse, education concerns, etc.).

If “education concerns” is a category, please specify how many referrals were solely due to concerns about education provision.

At the point of contact presenting factors for the case are identified. Zero (No factors identified), one or more factors may be identified. The factors and frequency for the 163 contacts involving EHE CSA children were as follows:

Presenting Factor	Number of CSA EHE Contacts with Factor
No Factors Identified	37
Parenting Support	36
Neglect	32
Domestic Violence	31
Emotional Abuse	24
Mental Health	23
Family in Acute Stress	20
Housing	15
PPRC - Risky Adults	14
Anti-Social Behaviour	12
Physical Abuse	11
Substance Misuse	11
Sexually Harmful Behaviour	8
Sexual Abuse	5 or fewer
Ill Health	5 or fewer
Special Educational Needs	5 or fewer
Gangs	5 or fewer
Child Sexual Exploitation	5 or fewer
Disability	5 or fewer
Missing Child from Education	5 or fewer
Financial Problems	5 or fewer
Missing Child	5 or fewer
No Recourse to Public Funds	5 or fewer

5 or fewer cases were solely due to cases about education provision (i.e. missing child from education or special educational needs). The specific number is not provided to protect confidentiality.

9 - Source of Referrals

For EHE children, please provide the source of referrals (e.g. school, GP, hospital, police, local authority EHE team, family, anonymous, etc.).

The source of the social care contact was as follows:

Contact Source Group	Count of Protocol ID
Police	51
Charities & Other Public Bodies	26
Family, Friends & Carers	24
Health	20
Other	13
Education	11
Probation	9
GP Surgery	5 or fewer
HM Prison Service	5 or fewer
Legal	5 or fewer

10 - Internal Recording Practices

a) Does your authority record EHE status within Children's Services systems?

EHE status is recorded as reportable fields on the Local Authority Education system rather than the Children's Social Care case management system.

b) If so, at what stage is this recorded (e.g. referral, assessment, ongoing case)?

Not applicable

c) If not, how would EHE children be identified within safeguarding data?

EHE information may be recorded in the general case notes along with other relevant information within the Children's Social Care case management system, allowing its identification on an individual case basis.

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Yours faithfully

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