

20 April 2016

**Our Ref: e18887**

**Re: Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Your request for information which was received on 31 March 2016 has been considered.

Please find our response below.

**Your request:**

*In the 2015 calendar year how many children were taken into care where there was a recorded concern that the parents/carers were at risk of physical violence from the child? Please state the ages of the children involved.*

**Our response:**

We are unable to provide any information with regards to the request within the time/cost limit specified by the Freedom of Information Act. Please see Appendix 1 for details.

Kind regards

Data Protection & Information Officer

## **Appendix 1**

### **Costs Refusal**

#### ***12 - Exemption where the cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit***

*(1)Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit."*

The appropriate limit has been set at £450 and may include working hours of any person acting on our behalf at a rate of £25 per hour. This equates to 18 hours to locate and extract the relevant information.

In order to retrieve this data it would be necessary to review 139 separate case records. We estimate it would take 15 minutes per case to ascertain if the case was relevant to this request or not. This equates to approximately 34 hours which clearly exceeds the above stated appropriate limit.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

You have the right of appeal against the decision. If you wish to appeal please set out in writing your grounds of appeal and send to:

Corporate Complaints and Access to Information Manager  
Community Engagement and Accountability Team  
Adult and Community Services  
3rd Floor Civic Centre  
44 York Street  
Twickenham  
TW1 3BZ

E-mail: [foi@richmond.gov.uk](mailto:foi@richmond.gov.uk)

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal appeal you may appeal further to the Information Commissioner's Office at:

Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
fax: 01625 524 510  
DX 20819  
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