

## **Freedom of Information – Response – 26628**

*We are writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.*

*Please provide the following data regarding young fathers who were identified as parents by Children's Services (including Child in Need and Child Protection cases) in the period 2023-2025. Specifically:*

*1. The numbers of fathers involved with Children Services who were aged:*

*a) under 16 years*

*b) 16 - 20 years*

*c) 21 - 25 years*

The data for Question 1 is based on the age of the young men at the start of the year of their referral (if referred in the time period asked i.e. 2023 – 2025), or, if referred prior to 2023, their age at the start of 2023.

Age	Count
Under 16 years	8
16 - 20 years	51
21 - 25 years	14
Total	73

*2. The age of these young fathers at the time of their first involvement with Children's Services in their role as a father.*

The data for Question 2 is based on the father's age at the date their first child was born, even if the child was born prior to the father's referral

Age	Count
Under 16 years	10
16 - 20 years	54
21 - 25 years	9
Total	73

*3. All guidance, policy and strategy documents pertaining to the period 2023 – 2025 that specifically address and/or guide Children's Services' involvement with young fathers at strategic and operational levels.*

We can confirm that Suffolk County Council holds this information. However, the information is already in the public domain.

**Section 21** of the FOIA states that a public authority does not need to provide information under section 1 of the Act if that information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.

The guidance Suffolk County Council use and has been promoted with staff within Team Meetings and workshops can be found on the link below:

[Working with Fathers and Men in the Home — Suffolk Safeguarding Partnership](#)

