

Freedom of Information – Response – 27145

Please could you share the number of safeguarding notifications/referrals made to your organisation involving the activities/after-school club providers for the last six years broken down:

- 1. Yearly and by age of the child involved (so 0-5, 5-8, 8-15 and 15+)*
- 2. Yearly and nature of safeguarding concern, i.e. the reason for referral*
- 3. And finally a total for the last six years, broken down by age of children and nature of safeguarding concern (for example, total number of notifications of incidents involving physical abuse within the 5-8 age group).*

In terms of time frames- could we have the figures starting from 2019-20 or the 2019 calendar year and then every year since for which the data is available. It would be preferred if this data could be made available in the form of a spreadsheet.

Suffolk County Council (SCC) can confirm that this information is held, however, it is being withheld under s.12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA.) S.12 allows a public authority to refuse a request where it is estimated that complying with it would exceed the appropriate limit (£450 calculated at 18 hours of staff time charged at £25 per hour).

Whilst we do hold the information you have requested it is not held in a reportable format and would require an individual employee to review each Safeguarding referral received against an organisation and review whether this concerned an activities/after-school club provider and also review the ages of the child concerned.

We have carried out a sampling exercise and have determined that this would take 3 mins per record to retrieve, extract and collate the information you have requested.

There were 2,804 referrals received during this period. $2,804 \times 3 \text{ mins} = 140.2 \text{ hours} \times £25 \text{ per hour} = £3,505$

Advice and Assistance

Whilst we cannot answer the questions you have requested, we can provide you with information for the numbers of referrals received and numbers that met the threshold for settings as Education settings and sport/leisure

We can also provide the Category of the referral, behaviour, emotional, physical, sexual or neglect etc.