

Freedom of Information – Response – 27605

Please provide me the following information:

- *Number of reports made by the authority to the local police service to report missing people who were missing from Local Authority Care*
 - *Number of incidents where LA staff have called police on 999*
- Please provide the above data broken down by year between 2023-2026*

Please only include people aged 0-17

Suffolk County Council (SCC) can confirm that this information is held however it is being withheld under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA.)

S.12 allows a public authority to refuse to comply with a request for information where it reasonable estimates that the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit of 18 hours or £450 charged at £25 per person, per hour.

Whilst SCC can confirm that we do hold the information you have requested, it is not a reportable field on our systems and so would be recorded over multiple case records and datasets which would involve a manual trawl of these in order to locate and extract the relevant information

Whilst we are unable to respond to your request in its present form if you are willing to refine your request to receive the number of missing children episodes recorded during this time, we may be able to provide you with some information. Please note however that this data will relate to missing episodes, not missing children, as a child may go missing several times. It also will not be limited to Children in Care (CIC) as children can be reported missing from home as well as foster care/home placements.

If you would like to receive the headline number of episodes of children reported missing in the required years, then please let us know and we can provide you with this.