



My Ref: FOI/ 5389
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Dear Requester,

Re: Request for Information – Freedom of Information Act 2000

I wish to confirm that the council has completed its search for the information which you requested.

The information requested and our findings are as follows: -

1. Research Governance Procedure

Please provide:

1a. A copy of any policies, procedures, guidance documents, or process maps that outline your research governance procedure for external research studies involving Children's Social Care.

1b. Within these documents, or separately if necessary, please confirm who reviews and approves applications for external research studies involving children's social care (e.g., job titles, teams, panels).

We don't have any policy or procedure in relation to research governance for external research studies involving Children's Social Care.

2. Number of Children's Social Care Research Applications Involving Child Participants (last 5 years)

For the period 1 January 2020 – 31 December 2024 (or the most recent five-year period for which you hold data), please provide:

2a. The number of research governance applications received for external research studies where children were intended research participants within Children's Social Care.

2b. Of these, the **number of applications that involved children 11 years and younger.

If you do not hold age data in this form, please state this.

We do not hold this data

3. Outcomes of Applications (last 5 years)

For the same period, please provide:

3a. The number of applications approved for external research studies involving child participants within Children's Social Care.

3b. Of these approved applications, the **number that involved children 11 years and younger.

If data is not held in this form, please state this.

We do not hold this data

4. Approval Timeframes (if held)

4a. Please provide any recorded information you hold on the time taken to process research governance applications relating to Children's Social Care during the same five-year period, including (where available):

- the date the application was received, and
- the date the application was approved or declined.

If this information is not held or not held in a retrievable format, please state this.

We do not hold this data

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Barnsley
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Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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SK9 5AF

Email: <http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints>

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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