BARNSLEY
Metropolitan Borough Council

My Ref: FOI/ 4914
Enquiries to: Information Requests
E-Mail: informationrequests@barnsley.gov.uk

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: -

Please provide the following information for the period 1 January 2024 – 31 December 2024.

1. How many individual children (those aged 0 – 17) were reported missing in your local authority area?

396 Individual Children aged 0-17 reported missing.

2. How many missing incidents were reported in relation to those missing children (those aged 0 – 17)?

1249 Missing Episodes for Children aged 0-17

3. How many of those missing incidents had a:
a. Sexual exploitation marker
186 incidents
b. Mental health marker
631 incidents
c. Criminal exploitation marker
587 incidents
d. Trafficking marker
0

4. In how many of those incidents was a return home interview completed?

1056 Return Home Interviews completed.

5. In how many of those return home interviews was there evidence of harm having occurred?
574

6. In how many of those return home interviews with evidence of harm, was the harm:
a. Physical
41
b. Sexual
X – Answer supressed to protect confidentiality.

c. Self-harm
Not held in a reportable format.
d. Suicide
Not held in a reportable format.
e. Emotional / psychological
Not held in a reportable format.

7. If you routinely record another type of risk marker / type of harm that is not listed here, please also include that information and the number of incidents in which it was recorded.

Substance use/misuse – 549 incidents

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way the Directorate has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please clearly mark your correspondence 'Complaint' and address it to:

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Information Requests Team
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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: -

Customer Services Team
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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

Kind regards,

Information Requests Team, Barnsley MBC

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