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NORTH WALES
POLICE**

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2024/703 - Referrals made to Children's Services

Although excess cost removed the forces obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

1. I surmise there is regular data analysis carried out, with internal reports created regarding safeguarding referrals, which your Police Force makes to Council's Children's Services. Please expand upon this by providing details and provide how you categorise the referrals? I.e. the primary reason for the referral being in respect of e.g. 'sexual offences' / 'domestic abuse' / 'drugs', please provide the names of all categories.

There are three types of referrals (CID16's) created by North Wales Polixw that are shared to partner agencies. Categorised as below.

- Child protection
- Vulnerable adult
- Domestic abuse

These CID16's are created by response officers when they have a concern that matches one of the categories above. An example could be a child being exposed to drugs at the home address. This would be a safeguarding concern and we would share that with children services as they are the lead safeguarding agency for children. Not all CID16's created are shared as it is dependant on the necessity and proportionality. If CID16's are shared this is done manually by a researcher e-mailing the CID16 to the local authority and then uploading the e-mail to the occurrence for an audit trail.

2) When it has been judged necessary for a referral to be made to the appropriate Council's Children's Services that concerns drug driving, how is it categorised by your Police Force?

If child protection concerns have been raised in connection to drug driving the officer would complete a child protection CID16 and task it to CRU to review and if proportionate to share with children services.

3) Based on the free text field of referrals made in the last 90 days to Children's Services at Councils, how many concerned drug driving?

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. Child Protection CID16's cover all cases of safeguarding concerns for children and are not specific to any one type of offence. Furthermore not all CID16's are shared. To obtain the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 25/07/2024