



Response Date:16/10/2024

2024/919 - Abandoned babies

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

This request relates to cases of abandoned babies (infants under the age of 2) that have been investigated by your force over the last decade. Please include babies that have been found dead and alive.

- 1. Please state the number of cases of infant abandonment that have been investigated by your force in each of the following years: a) 2015, b) 2016, c) 2017, d) 2018, e) 2019, f) 2020, g) 2021, h) 2022, i) 2023, j) 2024 so far.**
- 2. If possible, for each case please provide the following information:**
 - a) Was the infant found dead or alive?**
 - b) What was the estimated age of the infant when discovered (in weeks/months)?**
 - c) In what type of location was the infant found? (I.e., park / public toilet / hospital, rather than address)**

If it is not possible to answer questions 2b and 2c, I would be grateful if you could respond with answers to questions 1 and 2a only.

Calendar Year	HO Code	HO Description	Age (Weeks)	Location	Location Subtype	Deceased
2017	012/00	Abandoning child under two years	0	Public/open place	Bus stop	No
2020	012/00	Abandoning child under two years	19	Social Services		No

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