



Response Date:15/01//2025

2025/036 - Children (17 and under)

In response to your recent request for information excess cost is relevant to part which removes 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.

- 1. The number of children (17 and under) who were flagged as victims of Child Criminal Exploitation in relation to county lines drug dealing and separately, the number of these children who were recorded as being in care (looked-after child). If possible, with age, gender and ethnicity provided for each sets.**
- 2. The number of children (17 and under) who were charged with drug supply offences related to county lines drug dealing and separately, the number of these children who were recorded as being in care (looked-after child). If possible, with age, gender and ethnicity provided for both sets.**

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. 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.

3. Number of missing incidents of children (17 and under) who were missing from care with the following information provided:

Definition of care for this dataset includes – registered childrens homes, unregistered childrens homes (supported residence), foster children

Dataset used is provided from 01/07/2022 – 01/01/2025

- Age

Data broken up in evenly spaced age fields;

0 – 4: 3

5 – 8: 5

9 – 12: 269

13 – 17: 3,264

- Gender

Male – 1,872

Female – 1,665

Unknown – 3

- Ethnicity

We are unable to provide this data as ethnicity not recorded on I/CAD Command Control System, where daily MISPER incidents are extracted from.

- Location reported missing from (local or out of force area)

This specific data criteria is not recorded on daily MISPER incidents document.

- Whether the child had been assigned a child criminal exploitation/county lines flag.

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- If possible, the type of care setting child was missing from.

N/A as per above.

Care placements documented known placements e.g. registered looked after child residence, unregistered looked after child residence (supported residence), foster children

Could I please have the above information for the following dates: between 1st January 2022 to 1st January 2025.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 14/01/2025