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**Request:**

a. What number of children received early help services in the local authority in the periods:

- Year 15-16 - **37**
- Year 16-17 - **128**
- Year 17-18 - **840**
- Year 18-19 - **1617**
- Year 19-20 - **1085**

b. For each of the periods in question (a), What number of children receiving early help were concurrently subject to a Child in Need Plan or a Child Protection Plan?

**None, in North Tyneside a young person cannot be on 2 of these plans at once**

c. Does your local authority have a process to refer children to early help services when their case is closed after a Child in Need assessment? (Yes or No)

**yes**

d. An explanatory diagram for the following set of questions is included in an Appendix to this letter. If you cannot provide data for all periods, then please provide the data that is available. For each of the periods:

**NTC does not use a Child in Need assessment, we use a Single Assessment, which can lead to a CIN plan or CP Plan**

i. how many children were subject to a Child in Need assessment?

- April 1st 2015 to March 31st 2016 - **1474**
- April 1st 2016 to March 31st 2017 - **1640**
- April 1st 2017 to March 31st 2018 - **1334**
- April 1st 2018 to March 31st 2019 - **1626**
- April 1st 2019 to March 31st 2020 - **1974**

ii. For how many children was the case closed following the assessment?

- April 1st 2015 to March 31st 2016 - **936**
- April 1st 2016 to March 31st 2017 - **1134**
- April 1st 2017 to March 31st 2018 - **808**
- April 1st 2018 to March 31st 2019 - **594**
- April 1st 2019 to March 31st 2020 - **473**

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- iii. How many of the children whose case was closed after assessment were then referred on to early help services?

**See below**

- iv. How many of the children whose case was closed after assessment were subsequently re-referred for a Child in Need assessment within 12 months of their initial referral?
- April 1st 2015 to March 31st 2016 - **120**
  - April 1st 2016 to March 31st 2017 - **132**
  - April 1st 2017 to March 31st 2018 - **107**
  - April 1st 2018 to March 31st 2019 - **115**
  - April 1st 2019 to March 31st 2020 - **119**
- v. Of the group of children that had been referred on to early help services following the closure of their initial Child in Need Assessment, how many were re-referred for a Child in Need Assessment within 12 months?

**The information held in response to iii & v is not held as requested. To provide this would require examining different data sources and the records for each individual case.**

**Therefore, this part of the request is refused under s12 (1) Freedom of Information Act 2000, since the cost of complying would exceed the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004.**

**In assessing the cost of complying, the costs attributable to officer time involved in complying have been considered. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the Regulations, which equates to eighteen hours of officer time.**