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**Request:**

1. Does child social services report domestic abusers to the local police? If not, is there a reason for this?

**Children's Social Care report incidents of domestic abuse if required but always encourage the victim to be supported to report the abuse themselves**

2. Does child social services warn new partners of abusers that they have a record of domestic abuse to help prevent further cases of abuse? If not, is this an area they are considering?

**Children's Social Care, in partnership with the Police, can in certain circumstances and in accordance with safeguarding and GDPR regulations, inform new partners of concern**

3. Does child social services explain previous social services involvement to new partners? If not, is this an area they are considering?

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4. Does child social services share information about someone with their ex-partner if requested for a custody dispute case? for example will they share historic information about the mum/dad from when they were children with the other person? If so, under what circumstances?

**This would be covered under Claire's Law, information will need to be requested from the Police**

5. (a) What do child social services view as breaking confidentiality in regards to information they hold and give out?

**This would be determined on a case by case basis,**

6. (b) How often has this happened since 2010 per calendar or financial year if statistics are available.

**This information is not held centrally or separately. To provide this would require examining each case since 2010.**

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**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.**

7. How often do child social services put adults / children at risk of abuse by not informing / sharing information about the conduct of a new partner? For example a person is well known to child social services in any area of abuse and they do not inform or share information that could protect an innocent person who starts a relationship with the abuser? If there are any reports or statistics since 2010 on this per calendar or financial year this would be helpful. If there is no evidence of this it will also be helpful.

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8. How often, if at all, are parental family court proceedings used against the child/ren of that case later on in life? Statistics / reports from 2010 per calendar / financial year appreciated.

**Information not held - this will need to be requested from the Court Service**

9. How often do Cafcass, psychologists, psychiatrists or other professionals rubber stamp / validate child social services concerns even when there is evidence to the contrary? Again any reports or statistics from 2010 are appreciated.

**Information not held. this will need to be requested from Cafcass, psychologists, psychiatrists, or other professionals**

10. How many sexual abuse claims end up being or not being investigated by child social services? reports or statistics from 2010 by calendar or financial year.

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**None**

11. How often does child social services get involved with someone over allegations regardless of previous positive involvement? for example a parent has passed multiple assessments but new allegations are made by either the same person or family of the same person. Does there come a time when child social services look at this as harassment and stop investigating. Any reports, rules etc on this would be helpful.

**This depends on specific individual circumstances and therefore it is not possible to respond to this question**