



Reference: FOI4368

Request:

1. Are child social services biased against domestic abuse victims/ survivors when their name is mentioned at a future date? do child social services accept that people can change once away from the abuse?

No - Children's Social Care are not biased against domestic abuse victims/ survivors.

2. Is there any evidence, reports or statistics in regards to how many victims of child/domestic abuse end up committing suicide due to victim-blaming / shaming, or re-victimisation by child social services, Cafcass or ex-partners allegations? information, statistics from per year from 2010 either calendar or financial year is acceptable. If there is no evidence, reports etc is this an area child social services or any other governmental body are looking into?

This information is not held

3. Do child social services investigate serial complainers for harassment? For example the same person or family continually call child social services raising concerns over a particular child/ren or family?

No

4. Since 2010 how many times have child social services threatened someone with a gagging order and how many times have they actually gone to court to obtain a gagging order against an individual, family or company? these statistics would be per calendar or financial year.

This information is not held

5. Since 2010 how many anonymous complaints / allegations of abuse have child social services investigated per year by either calendar or financial year?

This information is not held centrally or separately and would require a manual check of all complaints / allegations.

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.

The information supplied to you is owned by the council unless otherwise stated and may be protected by copyright. You are free to use it for your own purposes, including any non-commercial research or for the purposes of news reporting. Any other re-use of a commercial nature will require the permission of the Council. Further enquiries in this respect should be directed to Head of Law and Governance, North Tyneside Council, Quadrant The Silver Link North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside, NE27 0BY

6. Since 2010 how many children have been removed from their homes where child social services have used parental mental health as a reason. These statistics if available can be per calendar or financial year.

This information is not held centrally or separately and would require a manual check of all complaints / allegations.

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 do child social services or Cafcass determine which parent a child loves the most for any family court cases. Is there any paperwork, evidence, reports to prove or disprove this question.

All recommendations are based on thorough assessments

8. What is child social services standing on the effects of being a single child as apposed to living in a household with another child no matter if that child is related or not? Do they even have an opinion on this subject? Is there any reports or documentation to prove or disprove which is better for the child?

The Local Authority does not hold information/ research on this issue

9. How often if at all do child social services ignore or use a previous family court judgment against the parent in future involvement? Does this only happen when the family court have ruled someone is guilty of an incident or does it also happen when someone is found innocent in family court?

The Local Authority does not hold data on this issue. Children's Social Care would always seek to have an understanding of previous events including Court Hearing to inform their current assessments.

10. Under what circumstance (if this happens) do child social services admit sharing or stating misinformation about a parent and what can the parent do to ensure this does not happen again in the future?

The Local Authority does not hold data in relation to this issue.