

Reference: RFI 1711076

Request:

I am writing to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Forced marriage:

For each of the financial years 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17, please can you disclose:

1a. The number of reports received by the local authority relating to forced marriages or suspected forced marriages.

2a. The age of the youngest victim of a forced marriage or suspected forced marriage.

3a. The number of victims of a forced marriage or suspected forced marriage who were aged 15 or under.

4a. The number of victims of a forced marriage or suspected forced marriage who were pregnant or had any children when they were aged 15 or under.

5a. The number of victims of a forced marriage or suspected forced marriage who were pregnant or had any children when they were aged 17 or under.

6a. The number of care proceedings undertaken by the local authority relating to forced marriages.

7a. The number of care proceedings undertaken by the local authority relating to victims of a forced marriage or suspected forced marriage who were pregnant or had any children when they were aged 15 or under.

8a. The number of care proceedings undertaken by the local authority relating to the children had by victims of forced marriage.

9a. The number of times the local authority reported to the police the father of the children had by victims of forced marriage.

Risk of forced marriage:

For each of the financial years 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15, 2015/16 and 2016/17, please can you disclose:

1b. The number of reports received by the local authority relating to those at risk of forced marriages.

2b. The number of care proceedings undertaken by the local authority relating to those at risk of forced marriages.

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3b. The age of the youngest victim at risk of a forced marriage.

4b. The number of victims at risk of a forced marriages who were aged 15 or under.

5b. The number of victims at risk of a forced marriages who were aged 17 or under.

If it is not possible to provide all the information requested due to the request exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please answer as many of the questions as is possible within the time limits starting from question 1a – or advise me as to how this request can be broken down to comply

Response:

This request is refused. The Council does not hold this information in a way that can be easily identified. We would have to manually check over 1000 records. Therefore this 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 taken into account. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the Regulations, which equates to eighteen hours of officer time.