



Reference: RFI 1802059

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act (2000), I am requesting the following information about people raised in care (also known as 'care experienced people'):

1. Please send me the number of care experienced people who have spent time in care within your local authority who have died in the last year (January 2017 to January 2018). Please include the age of the person when they died, and, where possible, the cause of death. If individual details are not available or cannot be released please release as much information relating to this request as is possible.

2. Please send me the number of care experienced people who have spent time in care within your local authority and who have died January 2016 to January 2017. Please include the age of the person when they died, and, where possible, the cause of death. If individual details are not available or cannot be released please release as much information relating to this request as is possible.

The phrase "care experienced people who have spent time in care within your local authority" – we only have a duty under the children act to offer support to those young people who have spent a set period of time in care within the local authority. This is laid out as "a period of at least 13 weeks after they reached the age of 14 and ended after they reached the age of 16".

After a young person who has met the above criteria reaches the age of 18, we have the duty to provide support until they reach the age of 25 (or complete their full time education if this is later). Therefore, for Q1-Q2 we do not track the dates of death or the causes of death of these young people once they cease to be offered support by the local authority (the young person may also opt out of support before this age).

In relation to this limited cohort, the response to 1 and 2 is zero

3. Please send me the number of care experienced people who have spent time in care within your local authority and who have been attending or graduating from university in the last year (January 2017 to January 2018).

4. Please send me the number of care experienced people who have spent time in care within your local authority and who have been attending or graduating from college in the last year (January 2017 to January 2018).

5. Please send me the number of care experienced people who have spent time in care within your local authority and who were in full time employment in the last year (January 2017 to January 2018).

Questions 3 to 5 – information is publicly available at

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/children-looked-after-in-england-including-adoption-2016-to-2017>

6. Please send me the number of care experienced people who have spent time in care within your local authority and who have been seeking help for mental health issues in the last year (January 2017 to January 2018).

This would require us manually checking over 155 records 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 taken into account. Such costs are limited to £450.00 under the Regulations, which equates to eighteen hours of officer time.

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