FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 487/18

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request & Response:

I am writing to you on behalf of Action for Children, a UK children's charity.

Please consider the following questions as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Any additional information you can offer would also be gratefully received.

1. How many support services do you provide in your local authority for children and young people (aged up to 18) who have lived in a household where domestic abuse has occurred?

   Answer: Families receive generic Early Help support from our Family Support Team. This includes one to one support for children and adults who have experienced domestic abuse.

   Additionally the Council commissions a number of providers to provide support. A jointly commissioned service which delivers support for both victims of Domestic or Sexual abuse within Leicester City, Leicestershire and Rutland Councils for those victims 13yrs. and over. For those victims under the age of 13 yrs. we have two providers via spot purchase agreements who provide support for those persons under the age of 13 yrs. These providers can deliver one to one support and group work to families experiencing domestic abuse.

2. Please define the type of support services from the following list, stating how many of each.

   a. Children’s centre-specific service?

      Answer: The Freedom Programme is delivered by our Children Centre staff jointly with our provider service.

   b. Specific parenting support for victims to address the needs of children and young people?

      Answer: Through the Freedom Programme.
c. Counselling or other forms of therapy for children and young people?

Answer: Families can access Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) family therapy services, this is generic and may include issues relating to domestic abuse but not specifically.

d. A dedicated children and young people’s service delivered by a domestic abuse service (for example, providing emotional support, group work, activities, after-school or holiday clubs for the children or specific outreach work)

Answer: The commissioned services can support children over the age of 13 yrs. with emotional and other support needs on a one to one basis, or within a family context or via the spot purchase providers – these are completed on an outreach basis.

e. Children’s workers at local domestic abuse specialist organisations and services, including refuges

Answer: There is a dedicated outreach, Independent Domestic Violence Advisors (IDVA) and Independent Sexual Violence Advisers (ISVA) for those over the age of 13 yrs. as per of a jointly commissioned service. Rutland does not have a refuge.

f. Other – please specify.

Answer: Not Applicable.

3. How many children and young people (aged up to 18) were referred to support services in your local authority for children and young people who have lived in a household where domestic abuse has occurred, in each of the following financial years?

a. 2010/11

Answer: Rutland County Council does not hold this information.

b. 2015/16

Answer: Rutland County Council does not hold this information.

c. 2016/17

Answer: 78

4. How many children and young people (aged up to 18) accessed support services in your local authority for children and young people who have lived in a household where domestic abuse has occurred, in each of the following financial years?

a. 2010/11

Answer: Rutland County Council does not hold this information.

b. 2015/16

Answer: Rutland County Council does not hold this information.
5. How much money have you spent on the support services in your local authority for children and young people (aged up to 18) who have lived in a household where domestic abuse has occurred in each of the following financial years?

a. 2010/11
   Answer: Rutland County Council does not hold this information.

b. 2015/16
   Answer: Monies spent on this age group is not captured as its part of a wider commissioned service, the commission service costs £56,500 per year for those persons 13yrs. and over.

c. 2016/17
   Answer: Monies spent on this age group is not captured as it is part of wider commissioned service, the commission service costs £56,500 per year for those persons 13yrs. and over.

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Yours faithfully

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