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Our reference: FOI 2014-0035

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - DISCLOSURE

The council has completed its search relating to your request for information about 'troubled families', which we received on 15 January 2014.

The council holds some information within the definition of your request.

Questions

1. Amongst the families identified as 'troubled families' and included on the Troubled Families programme at any point since the programme started, in what proportion was the presence of substance misuse (alcohol or drugs) one reason for their inclusion under the local discretion criteria?
2. Amongst the families identified as 'troubled families' and included on the Troubled Families programme at any point since the programme started, in what proportion was the presence of domestic violence one reason for their inclusion under the local discretion criteria?
3. Amongst the families identified as 'troubled families' and included on the Troubled Families programme at any point since the programme started, in what proportion was the presence of mental health problems one reason for their inclusion under the local discretion criteria?

Answer

Due to the way data has initially been collected for this work, there are not accurate figures on the numbers of families with some of the local discretionary criteria. This would include substance misuse, domestic violence and mental ill health.

However, the number of families who have met the threshold for MARAC support in relation to domestic violence is 144.

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Yours sincerely,

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