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Our ref: 7483996

Thank you for your request received on 14 July 2021, for the following information:
I am currently looking for up to date statistics that can show me the current situation for children going missing from care settings. Particularly, those who are at risk from things like CSE, county lines, or suffering from mental health issues.

I would like to submit a Freedom of Information Request. Listed below:

- 1. Please could you provide me with the number of young people in your area who've gone missing from either residential or foster care settings in the last twelve months.**
- 2. Within this, could I have a breakdown of risk assessment at episode level and also how many children had a marker for mental health, CCE, CSE, suicide or self-harm risks.**
- 3. Please could you also provide me with the number of young people not in care in your area who've gone missing in the last twelve months.**

We have processed this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Response

The council holds the information requested and the answers to your questions are below

1. Please could you provide me with the number of young people in your area who've gone missing from either residential or foster care settings in the last twelve months.

83 children

2. Within this, could I have a breakdown of risk assessment at episode level and also how many children had a marker for mental health, CCE, CSE, suicide or self-harm risks.

CCE marker - 13 children

CSE marker - 4 children

3. Please could you also provide me with the number of young people not in care in your area who've gone missing in the last twelve months.

119 children

Further information

If you are interested in the data that the council holds you may wish to visit Open Barnet, the council's data portal. This brings together all our published datasets and other information of interest on one searchable database for anyone, anywhere to access. <http://open.barnet.gov.uk/>

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If, having exhausted our review procedure, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you will have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF (telephone: 0303 123 1113; website www.ico.org.uk). There is no charge for making an appeal.