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Our ref: 7501956

Thank you for your request received on 19 July 2021, for the following information:

This is a Freedom of Information Request in relation to the council's children services department and its use of a tool called the Graded Care Profile to assess neglect.

1. Do you use a) the GCP or b) the NSPCC's adapted version, the GCP 2, to assess neglect in children?

2. If you use the GCP 2 please provide information on how much the council has spent on a) licensing the GCP2 and b) training in relation to the GCP2, to date

3. If you use the GCP2 please provide any assessments of the GCP 2 held or carried out by the council on the effect of use of the GCP2 on outcomes for children ie what are the benefits?

Please note I am not looking for information on how many social workers etc have used the GCP2 but an assessment of the impact of the children on cases.

4. Please answer this question only if you do not use the GCP2 but do use the GCP.

Please provide any assessments of the GCP held or carried out by the Council within the past 5 years in relation to the impact of use of the GCP tool on outcomes for children.

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

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a) One off licensing fee in 2016: £500

b) Training cost: In 2016 and 2017 totalled £6000 for a train the trainer programme. There has been no further spend on training as this is now delivered by staff across the partnership who are licensed to deliver the NCPCC GCP2 training.

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The data system does not allow us to report this information in an easily retrievable format as GCP2 is loaded as a document. This would require a manual search of every child's record on the system.

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N/A

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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