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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI705633873

Thank you for your request for information relating to Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE).

You have requested the following information:

Local councils have a statutory duty to operate mechanisms that “collect prevalence and monitor cases of CSE”. They should have specific local procedures to cover CSE (eg a strategy) . I refer to the Local Government Association document 'Tackling Child Sexual Exploitation: A Resource Pack for Councils', page 6.

Can you please confirm:

1. That your council currently operates these mechanisms and has a strategy to cover CSE.

Coventry City Council is a statutory partner of Coventry Safeguarding Children's Partnership. The partnership covers a number of statutory, voluntary and community agencies who have collectively agreed an Exploitation Strategy. Further details can be found on the following link:

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/coventry-local-safeguarding-children-board/exploitation/4>

This strategy has been updated collaboratively with partners and will be signed off in May 2025.

2. The nature of these mechanisms used to monitor CSE and the strategy in place,

The Audit and Performance subgroup of the Safeguarding Children's Partnership has a number of performance measures in relation to CSE which are monitored by the group. Areas where there

are blockages which require escalation are shared with the SCP Execs. The Safeguarding Children's Partnership is unable to share this data as it is owned by individual agencies and would need to be requested from each agency.

3. The current number of cases of CSE being monitored by your council,

For Quarter 4 2024/25, there were 22 children supported by Children's Services where there were screened and identified CSE risk/concerns.

4. The number of CSE cases monitored that are thought to be gang/group based (cases involving 2 or more perpetrators),

Partnership management of CSE perpetrators and locations is completed via the Child Exploitation Missing Group; details of these arrangements were outlined in the Joint Targeted Area Inspection on exploitation and Serious Youth Violence on the following link:

<https://files.ofsted.gov.uk/v1/file/50247377>

At the end of Quarter 4, the CEMOG group were not actively managing any CSE groups or gangs.

5. A breakdown of ethnicity and - if possible - age of the assumed victims of CSE being monitored by your council

We are unable to report the ages number of children to protect confidentiality as the total number of children is less/fewer than 5. This has been done as the Council considers that this information meets the definition for personal data set out in Section 3(2) and 3(3) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) as:

(2) personal data means any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual (subject to subsection (14)(c))”

(3) “Identifiable living individual” means a living individual who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to –
(a) an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data or an online identifier, or
(b) one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of the individual.”

The Council thus considers that the requested information is caught by the exemption to disclosure contained in Section 40 (2) of the FOI Act and the related first condition of Section 40 (3). A disclosure made under FOIA is judged to be to the wider world. The individuals involved, would not reasonably expect that their details would be disclosed in this way. It may also constitute a breach of the DPA principles.

To assist, we can provide the following:

Age	
12	<5
13	<5
14	8

15	<5
16	6
17	<5

Ethnicity	
Any other Asian background	1
Any other Black background	1
Any other Mixed background	3
Any other White background	2
Gypsy/Roma	1
White and Black Caribbean	2
White British	12

6. A breakdown of ethnicity of perpetrators for cases being monitored by your council.

7. The number of cases being monitored each year between 2010 and 2024 (please use the most appropriate reporting date for this data and, if this is not available, please provide this information as of the 1st March of that year). If data is not available for a particular year then please specify the reason for this.

For Questions 6 and 7, we confirm that we do not hold this information and are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act. This information is held by West Midlands Police.

The contact details to request this information by West Midlands Police are:

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Yours faithfully

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