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Request:

Dear Local Authority,

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from local authority:

- 1) Which organisation (if any) does the local authority commission to deliver Return Home Interviews for children who have been missing?
- 2) How many Return Home Interviews were offered by your local authority (or commissioned service) from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019?
- 3) How many Return Home Interviews were delivered by your local authority (or commissioned service) from 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019? (i.e. the child was actually interviewed)
- 4) How many times was child criminal exploitation (CCE), such as county lines, raised as an issue in these Return Home Interviews?
- 5) Are Return Home Interviews only offered to Looked After Children, or are there other groups that are eligible for Return Home Interviews? If so, please list eligible groups.

Please provide the information via email.

If it is not possible to provide the information requested due to the information exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under the Section 16 obligations of the Act, as to how I can refine my request.

If you can identify any ways that my request could be refined I would be grateful or any further advice and assistance.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me via email and I will be very happy to clarify what I am asking for and discuss the request, my details are outlined below.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 07/11/2019.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to Return Home Interviews for children who have been missing.

Please note that in Northern Ireland district councils are not responsible for the provision of children's services. Please contact the Northern Health and Social Care Trust who should be able to help you with your request.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/292/1920 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.