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Children in Care

Can Trusts provide the number of children in care who have died over the past five years (if too far back, adjust to fall within cost limit starting with 2021 and going back).

- **Broken down into each year.**
- **If possible can it provide reasons?**

<5 children have died of natural causes. We are unable to give an exact figure and year as the numbers are so low and by doing so would have the potential to make children identifiable.

If possible, can Trusts provide the number of young people in care who have been before the courts or ended up in prison/young offenders units over the same period?

This information is not centrally held and in order to obtain it would involve a manual extraction of files. We estimate that compliance with this request for information would exceed the appropriate costs limit. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the limit has been specified as £450 and represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information. It is therefore exempt from release.

In addition to this, can each Trust provide a figure for how many children in care are known to suffer with mental health issues?

- **How many of those are receiving treatment and waiting for treatment?**

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