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Children in Care

Can figures be provided for the total number of children in care in each Trust area who have died since 2010? If possible, broken into each year? But I'd like the total number regardless.

<5 looked after children have died since 2010. 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. This is personal information exempt under FOI Act Section 40 and confidential information exempt under FOI Act Section 41.

In addition, can Trusts detail how many children made allegations of assault or sexual assault or abuse of any kind since 2010. Be it against staff, other children or members of the public. Specifying how many in each category. If 2010 means that it exceeds the cost limit, please revise to ensure it falls within.

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, for either the full or part of the information, the time scales 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.

Furthermore, can you detail the status of those investigations, how many resulted in convictions, staff losing jobs, suspensions, no action taken etc.

As above.

What learning or improvements have been made if abuse or inappropriate behaviour was found to have occurred?

As above.