

## Freedom of Information Request

- If you cannot supply all statistics please supply the ones you can within the given time framework allowed. LAC means looked after child by child social services.

### 1. How many children have become LAC in your area each calendar year for the past 10 years.

Number of children **admitted** to LAC Team is provided below.

Calendar Year Opened	Total
2011	203
2012	210
2013	213
2014	160
2015	146
2016	216
2017	164
2018	171
2019	163
2020	191
2021	145
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1982</b>

### 2. How many LAC children are diagnosed with mental health issues in any category in your area each calendar year for the past 10 years.

This information is not held centrally by the Trust; therefore, in order to provide this information would require an extensive manual exercise which the Trust considers would exceed 18 hours of staff time. Therefore the Trust is applying Section 12 (1) of the FOIA, which states that a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request, if the staff time taken to determine whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting the information, would exceed 18 hours (at a cost exceeding £450).

**3. How many LAC children have tried or succeeded in committing suicide in your area each calendar year for the past 10 years.**

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**4. How many parents of LAC, meaning the parents they lived with before becoming LAC have been since diagnosed with mental health issues in any category in your area each calendar year for the past 10 years.**

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**5. How many parents of LAC, using the above definition have committed suicide each calendar year for the past 10 years.**

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**6. How many complaints have been filed against child social services in your area each calendar year for the past 10 years.**

<b>Number of Complaints filed (First Received) against Child Social Services from 01/01/2011 to Present Day by Calendar Year</b>			
<b>First Received</b>	<b>Type</b>		<b>Grand Total</b>
	<b>Children Order Problem Solving</b>	<b>Formal HSC Complaint</b>	
<b>2011</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>2012</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>78</b>
<b>2013</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>107</b>
<b>2014</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>87</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>85</b>
<b>2016</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>2017</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>79</b>
<b>2018</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>2019</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>84</b>
<b>2020</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>73</b>
<b>2021 (Up to 06/08/2021)</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>49</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>836</b>

**7. How many LAC have run away or disappeared in your area each calendar year for the past 10 years.**

Pre-2017 information is not held centrally by the Trust; therefore, in order to provide this information would require an extensive manual exercise which the Trust considers would exceed 18 hours of staff time. Therefore, the Trust is applying Section 12 (1) of the FOIA, which states that a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request, if the staff time taken to determine whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting the information, would exceed 18 hours (at a cost exceeding £450). However, 2018 – April 2021 figures are provided below.

2018	34
2019	36
2020	28
2021 (up to April)	20

**8. How many LAC have died from any cause in your area each calendar year for the past 10 years.**

The Northern Health and Social Care Trust (“the Trust”) cannot provide this information by each calendar year due to the small numbers involved i.e. less than 5, as this could be potentially matched up with other information to allow individuals to be identified. The Trust therefore considers this information exempt under Section 40(2)(3) of the Freedom of Information Act. We can, however, advise that there was a total of 5 over the last 10 years.