

Please ask for : Alethea Fuller
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Our Reference: 2023-00514
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Date: 08/01/2024

Dear FOI Applicant,

Thank you for your freedom of information request received in this office on **12 December** 2023 in which you asked:

'We are requesting information to understand how many Child Independent Domestic Violence Advisers (CHIDVAs) and Child Independent Sexual Violence Advisers (CHISVAs) you currently commission. For the purposes of this Freedom of Information request, CHIDVAs and CHISVAs are independent domestic and sexual violence advisers who specifically work with children (under 18s), and not with adults.

We are looking to find:

- 1. How many FTE Child Independent Domestic Violence Advisers (CHIDVAs) have you commissioned in the financial years 2023-2024; 2022-2023; 2021-2022?*
- 2. How many FTE Child Independent Sexual Violence Advisers (CHISVAs) have you commissioned in the financial years 2023-2024; 2022-2023; 2021-2022?*
- 3. How many FTE Child Independent Domestic Violence Advisers (CHIDVAs) and FTE Independent Sexual Violence Advisers (CHISVAs) have you co-commissioned with local authorities in the financial years 2023-2024; 2022-2023; 2021-2022?*
- 4. How many FTE Independent Domestic Violence Advisers (IDVAs) have you commissioned in the financial years 2023-2024; 2022-2023; 2021-2022?*
- 5. How many FTE Independent Sexual Violence Advisers (ISVAs) have you commissioned in the financial years 2023-2024; 2022-2023; 2021-2022?*
- 6. How many FTE Independent Domestic Violence Advisers (IDVAs) and FTE Independent Sexual Violence Advisers (ISVAs) have you co-commissioned with local authorities in the financial years 2023-2024; 2022-2023; 2021-2022?*

Barnardo's will use the information provided to inform our work on the Victims and Prisoners Bill which we are doing with a Children's Coalition led by the NSPCC, calling on the Government to develop guidance for CHISVAs and CHIDVAs and to provide funding for these roles.'

In response to your request, I can confirm that the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner holds the following information:

1. How many FTE Child Independent Domestic Violence Advisers (CHIDVAs) have you commissioned in the financial years:
2023-2024 - 4

2022-2023 - 4
2021-2022 – 4

2. How many FTE Child Independent Sexual Violence Advisers (CHISVAs) have you commissioned in the financial years:
2023-2024 - **10**
2022-2023 - **10**
2021-2022 - **10**
3. How many FTE Child Independent Domestic Violence Advisers (CHIDVAs) and FTE Independent Sexual Violence Advisers (CHISVAs) have you co-commissioned with local authorities in the financial years 2023-2024; 2022-2023; 2021-2022 - **All IDVAs and ISVAs are commissioned directly through victim support services, we have not had co-commissioning arrangements with any Local Authorities in years stated above.**
4. How may FTE Independent Domestic Violence Advisers (IDVAs) have you commissioned in the financial years:
2023-2024 - **67**
2022-2023 - **66**
2021-2022 – **66**
5. How many FTE Independent Sexual Violence Advisers (ISVAs) have you commissioned in the financial years
2023-2024 – **31.5**
2022-2023 – **31.5**
2021-2022 – **31.5**
6. How many FTE Independent Domestic Violence Advisers (IDVAs) and FTE Independent Sexual Violence Advisers (ISVAs) have you co-commissioned with local authorities in the financial years 2023-2024; 2022-2023; 2021-2022? - **All IDVAs and ISVAs are commissioned directly through victim support services, we have not had co-commissioning arrangements with any Local Authorities in years stated above.**

Freedom of Information Right of Appeal

Any person who has requested information from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and is unhappy with the way their request for information has been handled can request a review of their case.

A request for review must be made in writing by letter or email. You should include the reference number of your request if you have it, and outline why you are requesting the review to:

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner
Lloyd House
Birmingham
B4 6NQ

Telephone: 0121 626 6060
Email: wmpcc@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk

All requests for review will be recorded. Receipt of a request for internal review will be acknowledged and the appellant informed of an estimated date for determining the outcome. The OPCC will attempt to respond to internal reviews as soon as practicable and in any case within two months.

All investigations will be undertaken by someone not involved in the original response.

The result of any internal review will be communicated to the appellant outlining the decisions taken.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45
Website: www.ico.gov.uk

There is no charge for making a request for internal review or appeal to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Fuller', enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

Alethea Fuller
Deputy Chief Executive