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For the period starting 1st January 2020 and ending 31st December 2021, for your local authority:

How many meetings relating to children and families have been held (Including Child protection case conferences, LAC meetings, Child's plan meetings, etc)?

How many of these meetings were attended by parents (Mother, Father, Kinship carer, Adoptive parent) with an advocacy support worker?

Unfortunately, we are unable to provide you with the information you have requested as the cost to the Council of locating, retrieving and providing you with the information exceeds the statutory maximum of £600.

This information is not held centrally and there is no easy way to collate this. There are a wide number of meetings held for children that our Social workers take part in and we would have to review all open cases for this period to check on meetings and to collate the information. It is estimated that this could involve over 3,000 records.

At an average of 5 minutes per record, this task would take an officer 250 hours to complete.

Does your local authority offer advocacy services for parents?

We do not provide a service but there are a wide range of agencies who do and we fully support parents access to advocacy services and their involvement in any meeting.

Is there a third sector organisation that offers advocacy services for parents?

There are a wide number of third sector organisations who offer advocacy for parents.

Is there peer to peer support advocacy services available for parents in your local authority?

There are no peer to peer support organisations that we are aware of but that does not mean that there are none in Edinburgh.