Request and Response:

Q: The number of children that have been taken into local authority care (looked after children (LAC)) during 2014 to 2016 to date, where overfeeding/high BMI/obesity (or similar) was cited as a factor in the decision to remove the child.

If possible, please provide details of the sex of the child, age or broad age group, and weight of the child at the point of being taken in to care.

Please also provide the number of children that have been placed on the child protection register during 2014 to 2016 to date where overfeeding/high BMI/obesity (or similar) was cited as a factor in the decision to place the child on the register.

If possible, please provide details of the sex of the child, age or broad age group, and weight of the child at the point of being taken in to care.

A: We do not currently collate information specifically in respect of obese children. Due to this, it would be a trawl through case notes and this would take over 18 hours to complete on LAC files.

If you wish to receive further information in regards to this request or wish to submit a Freedom of Information Request please forward your request to contact@sandwell.gov.uk or Information Management Unit, Sandwell Council House, Freeth Street, Oldbury, West Midlands, B69 3DE.