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Dear Inquiry Team,

I sent the email below on 19 October. I am concerned it may not have reached Mr Smith as I sent a follow up on Tuesday which seems to have bounced back for some reason. I would be grateful if you could confirm safe receipt.

“FAO: Martin Smith

Dear Martin,

I write in response to your letter of 14 October 2021.

The Department does not hold the information you request due to the way the data is collected.

The Department holds the requested breakdowns of information for Child Protection Plans but not for referrals. Details of the data collected by the Department are available at: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/843047/Characteristics_of_children_in_need_2018_to_2019_main_tables.xlsx. The Department will be publishing the 2020-21 statistics on 28 October and should therefore be able to provide more recent data shortly.

Analysts from the Department would be happy to discuss what information you require so that they can suggest the most appropriate data to assist the Inquiry.

Kind regards,

Fenella"

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