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Request and response:

Please could you tell me the number of cases referred to the Police recorded where a child was accused of witchcraft or possessed by an evil spirit for the financial years 2017-18 and 2018-19.

For each financial year please also provide the following information.

- 1. How many accused were accused of being a witch or possessed by an evil spirit?**
There have been no cases of this in Cornwall
- 2. How many siblings did each of these children who were accused have?**
Not applicable
- 3. The gender, ethnicity and age at the time of referral for each accused child.**
Not applicable
- 4. The gender, ethnicity and age at the time of referral of each non-accused sibling.**
Not applicable
- 5. The religion of the family.**
Not applicable
- 6. Who accused the child(ren) of being possessed e.g. mother, father, faith leader?**
Not applicable
- 7. What type of abuse did each accused child experience (physical, sexual, emotional or neglect)?**
Not applicable
- 8. For each accused and non-accused child, whether they were removed from their parent/carer's care by the local authority.**
Not applicable
- 9. For each accused and non-accused sibling, whether they were made subject of a child protection plan.**
Not applicable

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