FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 389/18

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request/Response:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In order to assist you with this request, I am outlining my query as specifically as possible.


1. a. The number of people being housed in temporary accommodation (as at snapshot moment 1 March at each year, if possible, or another date of your choice).

Answer: Rutland County Council is unable to provide this broken down by year as we only record numbers on a quarterly basis. Currently as of now there are 4 people in temp accommodation.

b. For each year please breakdown the numbers in different types of temporary accommodation, (e.g. Bed and breakfast, hostels, LA/HA stock, Private sector leased by LA or HA, Private landlords, other.)

Answer: In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this email message acts as a Refusal Notice.

We can confirm that we hold the information however we are unable to supply it as we consider this information to be exempt due to the low number of individuals identified.

The Council is relying on Section 40(2) – personal information in that it believes the exemption applies because the information is personal information and we believe that disclosure would not be fair or lawful because it would breach the first data protection principle as outlined in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998. We consider that these individuals would have a reasonable expectation of privacy.
2. a. The number of children being housed in temporary accommodation, (as at snapshot moment 1 March at each year, if possible, or another date of your choice.)

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b. For each year please breakdown the numbers of children in different types of temporary accommodation, (e.g. Bed and breakfast, hostels, LA/HA stock, Private sector leased by LA or HA, Private landlords, other.)

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3. The number of homelessness outreach officers, including the number at Full Time Equivalent, (as at snapshot moment 1 March at each year, if possible, or another date of your choice.)

Answer: Rutland County Council does not have any outreach workers. The team consists of 1 full time Housing Options Officer, 1 x FT senior Options officer and 1 x Housing Options Assistant.

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Yours faithfully

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