FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 640/18

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request & Response:

In a piece of work conducted by ECPAT UK and missing people in 2015, more than 8 out of 10 local authorities provided the data requested below.

Please release the following information relating to looked after children in the care of your authority for the period 1 January 2017 to 31st December 2017:

1. The total number of looked after children in the care of your authority that have been:
   a. Identified as having been trafficked or a victim of modern slavery – including, but not limited to those identified through the National Referral Mechanism.

   Answer:
   Rutland County Council identified zero looked after children in the care of our authority as having been trafficked or a victim of modern slavery.

   b. Suspected of having been a victim of trafficking or modern slavery, if not included in a.

   Answer:
   Rutland County Council had zero looked after children in the care of our authority suspected of having been a victim of trafficking or modern slavery.

   c. Identified as an unaccompanied asylum seeking child (UASC) or a separated child.

   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. The total number of looked after children in the care of your authority:
   a. Identified or suspected as having been trafficked/victim of modern slavery and that have gone missing or absent.

Answer:
Rutland County Council had zero looked after children in the care of our authority identified or suspected as having been trafficked/victim of modern slavery and that had gone missing or absent.

   b. Identified as an UASC or separated child and that have gone missing or absent.

Answer:
Rutland County Council had zero looked after children in the care of our authority identified as UASC or separated child that had gone missing or absent.

3. The total number of individual incidents (which could involve the same child on more than one occasion) of looked after children in the care of your authority:
   a. Identified or suspected as having been trafficked/victim of modern slavery and that have gone missing or absent.

Answer:
Rutland County Council had zero individual incidents of looked after children in the care of our authority identified or suspected as having been trafficked/victim of modern slavery and that had gone missing or absent.

   b. Identified as an UASC or separated child and that have gone missing or absent.

Answer:
Rutland County Council had zero individual incidents of looked after children in the care of our authority identified as UASC or separated child that had gone missing or absent.

4. The total number of looked after children in the care of your authority that are still missing or absent (including those that subsequently turned 18 without being found) that were identified or suspected as having been trafficked or identified as an UASC or separated child.

Answer:
Rutland County Council had zero looked after children in the care of our authority that were missing or absent (including those that subsequently turned 18 without being found) that were identified or suspected as having been trafficked or identified as an UASC or separated child.

5. For all of the above please provide a breakdown of these numbers by gender and nationality of the child (e.g. British, Vietnamese, etc.) If identification is a concern
due to small numbers involved please give the total figures and specify whether the child is British / an EU national / non EU national. For Q3 & Q4, please add the length of time the child was missing during each incident.

Answer: Not Application

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Yours faithfully

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