30 May 2018

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 694/18

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request & Response:

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Based on the latest available figures:

1. How many Looked After Children, who are in the care of the local authority, are:
   (a) EU (non-UK) citizens
   (b) have an Undocumented or Unknown immigration status (including children whose nationality is unknown).

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. What plans and provisions does the Local Authority have in place - or is considering - to deal with any Children In Care who will need to obtain Settled Status, as a result of Brexit, if they wish to remain in the UK? Please provide details of any plans, analysis or forecasts, including any estimates of the financial cost to the Local Authority, or any reports which have been written about this issue.

Answer:
Rutland County Council do not have this information as this has not yet been considered, the children where immigration status is unknown are seeking asylum and we will follow this process as we would regardless of Brexit.
If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please contact the Data Protection Officer, Rutland County Council, Catmose, Oakham, Rutland LE15 6HP
You can also complain to the Information Commissioner at:

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Yours faithfully

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