8 August 2018

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 1038/18

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request / Response:

Please consider the following questions as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Any additional information you can offer would also be gratefully received.

1. Does your council, either in house of through a commissioned partner, operate a management system recording the total number of children and parents using children's centres within your local authority boundaries?

   Answer: Rutland County Council records this information using Capita One – eStart.

2. How many children used children's centres in your local authority in the each of the following financial years: *

   a. 2014/15

      Answer: 795 children used children’s centres during 2014/15.

   b. 2015/16

      Answer: 1601 children used children’s centres during 2015/16.

   c. 2016/17

      Answer: 1666 children used children’s centres during 2016/17.

   d. 2017/18

      Answer: 1357 children used children’s centres during 2017/18.

* By ‘use’ we mean received any specified service or participated in at least one class or session delivered by the children's centre on site or at an alternative site operated by the children’s centre. The total for each financial year should only count a child once even if they used a children’s centres on multiple occasions within a single financial year.
By child we mean any person aged 18 and under.

3. How many of these children in each year were aged 5 or under?

   Answer:  
   2014/15 = 757  
   2015/16=1536  
   2016/17=1543  
   2017/18=1278

4. How many parents/carer used children's centres in your local authority in the each of the following financial years: *

   a. 2014/15

      Answer: 781 parents/carers used children’s centres during 2014/15.

   b. 2015/16

      Answer: 1903 parents/carers used children’s centres during 2015/16.

   c. 2016/17

      Answer: 1865 parents/carers used children’s centres during 2016/17.

   d. 2017/18


* By ‘use’ we mean received any specified service, received information or participated in at least one class or session delivered by the children’s centre on site or at an alternative site operated by the children’s centre.

The total for each financial year should only count a parent/carer once even if they used a children’s centres on multiple occasions within a single financial year.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please contact the Head of Corporate Governance, Rutland County Council, Catmose, Oakham, Rutland LE15 6HP

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Yours faithfully

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