24 August 2018

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 1023/18

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request / Response:

I am asking for annual data from 2013 onwards about the number of minors referred to your authority under the National Referral Mechanism AND how many of these children have been reported missing after entering your care. If possible, please could you include their ages and nationality (although if this would be too time-consuming under the Act and would lead to my request being denied, please omit this data).

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.

Please be advised that although we are unable to divulge the number of minors referred to Rutland County Council under the National Referral Mechanism, we can confirm that none of those referred have been reported as missing.

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
You can also complain to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House, Water lane
Wilmslow, Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545700
Yours faithfully

FOI Administrator
Business Support Team
Rutland County Council