FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 1196/18

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request:

I am writing to you to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on the support Rutland County Council provides for children or young people who display harmful sexual behaviours.

1. How many children (up to 18 years) in the 2017/2018 financial year did you provide services to where the primary support need was due to a child exhibiting problematic or harmful sexual behaviour (HSB)?

2. How many referrals were for children who were:
   a. 9 years and younger
   b. 10 – 12 years
   c. 13-15
   d. 16+

3. Of those children referred for problematic or harmful sexual behaviour, how many were:
   a. Boys
   b. Girls
   c. Not stated

4. Do you have any trained specialists providing child HSB services?
   a. Social Care specialists
   b. NHS
   c. Commissioned private healthcare provider
If you wish to state what ‘other’ provision you have or what non-specialist provision the child receives, please give details.

5. What is your local child specific HSB service offer?
   a. Specialist risk assessment service,
   b. Court reports
   c. Therapeutic intervention service
   d. Family support
   e. Offender resettlement
   f. Other (please specify)

6. What guidance frames your current HSB practice?
   a. NICE guidelines on ‘harmful sexual behaviour among children and young people’
   b. NSPCC HSB Framework
   c. Locally developed safeguarding guidance
   d. Other guidance
   e. No specialist guidance

Response:

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.
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:

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Yours faithfully

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