FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 32/19

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request / Response:

1. Please provide details of how many home educated children are in your local authority area as at 1st January 2019, or the closest available date.

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. Please state how many children aged 5 -16 there are in your area. As at 1st January 2019, or the closest possible date.

Answer:
5290

3. Please state how many children there are in your area aged under 5 years in your area. As at 1st January 2019, or the closest possible date.

Answer:
1858

4. Please provide details of how many referrals you have received during the last full twelve month period for which you have records available, where you have reasonable cause to suspect that a child (who lives or is found in your area) is suffering or is likely to suffer significant harm, for which investigations have been carried out. Children Act 1989 s47 referrals.
Answer:
69

5. Please state how many of these referrals relate to children aged under 5 years.

Answer:
17

6. Please state how many of these referrals relate to home educated children.

Answer:
None

7. Please state how many of those referrals relate to children aged 5 -16 years attending school.

Answer:
52

8. Please state how many of those referrals for children under 5 years of age have led to a child protection plan.

Answer:
8

9. Please state how many of those referrals for home educated children have led to a child protection plan.

Answer:
None

10. Please state how many of those referrals for children aged 5 -16 years attending school, have led to a child protection plan.

Answer:
16

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Yours faithfully

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