FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 49/19

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request / Response:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please provide me with responses to the following questions regarding looked after children in children’s homes in the last financial year (2017/18)?

1. For each of the last four financial years (including 2017/18), how many looked after children were placed in children’s homes within the authority area?
   a) in total
   b) were ‘out-of-borough’ (i.e. they were moved into a home within the local authority/borough from an alternative local authority)
   and c) were recognised as being at risk from CSE?

2. For each of the last four financial years (including 2017/18), how many missing episodes occurred involving looked after children placed in children’s homes within the authority area
   a) in total
   b) Where the children were ‘out-of-borough’ (i.e. they were moved into a home within the local authority/borough from an alternative local authority)
   and c) Where the children were recognised as being at risk from CSE?

3. In the last financial year (2017/18), how many looked after children went missing from children’s homes on 10 or more occasions in a single year?
   a) In total
   b) Where the children were 'out-of-borough'
   and c) Where the children were recognised as being at risk from CSE?

4. For the entirety of the last four financial years (including 2017/18), how many looked after children placed in children’s homes within the local authority who went missing were never found (i.e. no agency learned of their whereabouts)?

5. The most number of times (episodes) that an individual looked after child went missing from a children's home within the local authority in the last financial year (2017/18)?

Answer:

Please refer to the attached template for our responses.
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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