FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 118/19

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you provide me with:

1. The number of safeguarding alerts which have been triggered concerning children in children's homes over the last 4 full financial years (including 2017/18) broken down by the following:
   a) in total, b) child sexual exploitation safeguarding alerts, c) sexual abuse safeguarding alerts, d) child criminal exploitation safeguarding alerts (frequently ‘county lines’)

   Answer: 0

2. The number of safeguarding alerts which have triggered an investigation under Organised/Complex Abuse procedures concerning children’s homes and their staff over the last 4 full financial years (including 2017/18). Organised/ Complex Abuse is defined as abuse involving one or more abusers and a number of related or non-related abused children. A definition can be found in Section 8.1 here: http://www.londoncp.co.uk/chapters/organised_complex.html#define

   Answer: 0

3. Over the last financial year (April 2017- March 2018), on how many occasions where looked after children went missing and were then found, were they found to have been:
   a. Sexually assaulted or exploited while they were missing

   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.

b. Involved in the sale of drugs while they were missing

Answer: *

4. Please provide the highest amount paid on all services provided to an individual Looked After Child in the last financial year (2017/18)?

Answer: £226,800

5. Please provide the highest amount paid on semi-independent accommodation for an individual child for the last financial year (2017/18)?

Answer: £11,073.96.

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Yours faithfully

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