FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 190/19

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request / Response:

1a. Does your local authority have an Independent Visitor service?

Answer:
Yes, Rutland County Council has a spot purchase arrangement with a voluntary organisation.

1b. Is the service run internally or externally?

Answer:
Externally

1c. If the service is external, who is the provider?

Answer:
SOVA (Safeguarding of Vulnerable Adults)

1d. What is the maximum agreed number of matches for your service at any one time?

Answer:
The contract is for 5 matches, however it is a spot purchase arrangement and therefore flexible.

2a. How many children / young people are currently matched with an Independent Visitor?

Answer:
None

2b. How many children / young people have been referred and are waiting to be matched?

Answer:
None
2c. how many children/young people matched are out of county?
Answer:
None

2d. how many children/young people waiting are out of county?
Answer:
None

3a. What is the eligibility criteria for children / young people receiving your Independent Visitor service and how does the local authority prioritise referrals?
Answer:
Any child/young person looked after is eligible, if it is in their best interest.

3b. How many current matches are funded for young people aged 18yrs - 25yrs?
Answer:
None

3c. How many current matches have been visiting for over two years? Over five years?
Answer:
There are no current matches. The spot purchase arrangement has been in place for 1 year.

4. Please provide a breakdown of gender, age, ethnicity and disability for:
a. children matched?
Answer:
Not Applicable

b. children waiting?
Answer:
Not Applicable

5. Please provide a breakdown of gender, age, ethnicity and disability for:
a. volunteers matched?
Answer:
Not Applicable. The service is provided by an external provider.

b. volunteers fully trained and checked and waiting to be matched?
Answer:
Not Applicable. The service is provided by an external provider who will recruit and train specifically for an identified child/young person.
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Yours faithfully

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