13 March 2019

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 326/19

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request:

I'd like to make a Freedom of Information Request regarding the number of siblings who have been separated when in the care of your local authority over the last three years.

Please could you tell me:

How many siblings in the care system of your local authority have been separated since 1st January 2016 to present? Please provide a breakdown of the numbers by year.

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 Part 4, Chapter 2 of the Data Protection Act 2018. We consider that these individuals would have a reasonable expectation of privacy.

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Yours faithfully

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