05 April 2019

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 453/19

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request / Response:

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for details of looked after children placed in residential children’s homes. More specifically, I am requesting the following:

1. The total number of looked after children the council currently (as of, or around, today’s date) has Corporate Parenting responsibility for, who are currently placed in residential children’s homes (excluding fostering placements, secure children’s homes, residential special schools registered as children’s homes, children’s homes that provide respite care or short breaks only, and unregulated settings). Please note this definition of children’s homes is the same used by the Department for Education in collating children’s homes data in the Children’s Homes Data Pack.

Answer:
Rutland County Council currently has 31 looked after children in total.

2. A breakdown of this total showing the number of placements within the local authority, and the number outside the local authority.

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* 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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Wycliffe House, Water lane
Wilmslow, Cheshire
SK9 5AF
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Yours faithfully

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Rutland County Council