FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 597/19

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request / Response:

1. How many referrals have been made to your local authority’s social services mentioning concerns about fabricated or induced illness (FII) in a child for each of the financial years 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019?

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

2. How many families have been put on a child protection plan following concerns about fabricated or induced illness (FII) in a child for each of the financial years 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019?

Answer:
Rutland County Council does not hold this information.

3. How many cases has your local authority taken to court as a result of concerns about fabricated or induced illness (FII) in a child for each of the financial years 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019?

Answer:
Rutland County Council does not hold this information.

4. How many children have been removed from their families following concerns about fabricated or induced illness (FII) in a child for each of the financial years 2014-2015, 2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018 and 2018-2019?

Answer:
Rutland County Council does not hold this information.
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Yours faithfully

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