FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 690/19

Dear Sir/Madam

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

Request/Response:

1. Please give the name of your Local Authority?
   Answer: Rutland County Council

2. How many sets of twins were taken into care between the years 2010 – 2018?
   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.

3. How many sets of twins were separated when taken into care, whether into foster care or a care home, at any point through their care journey between the years 2010 – 2018?

   (NB. please note we are asking how many sets of twins and not how many times. We are aware they could have been separated for a brief period and then reunited but please answer if separated at any point)

   Answer: *

4. How many sets of twins were kept in a 'long term placement' or 'long term foster care' separately from one and other through their care journey between the years 2010 – 2018?
(NB. by Long-term care we mean that the care plan for the child is to remain in a specific fostering placement or care home, until reaching adulthood and leaving care, and/or for the foreseeable future)

Answer: *

5. How many sets of twins have since been adopted into separate families, after being taken into care between the years 2010 – 2018?

Answer: *

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Yours faithfully

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