

Response to Request for Information

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Children in Care

Request:

I would like to know how many children are currently in care in your authority.

Please provide the following information:

- 1) How many children overall are in care or are looked after by your authority (Broken down by UK nationals, EU citizens, and other).
- 2) How many children are currently being fostered within your authority (Broken down by UK nationals, EU citizens, and other).
- 3) How many children are currently in a care home within your authority (Broken down by UK nationals, EU citizens, and other).

In response to your above questions, Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at:

- Section 1(1) (a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held.
- The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.

In respect of your above questions, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information at the present time as work is currently being undertaken to update the data on the systems.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

However, we can inform you that the information we will available around May/June 2019.