



Response to Request for Information

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Post Adoption Letterbox

Request:

This Freedom of Information request relates to post adoption letterbox contact.

- 1) In the last 12 months how many exchanges of letters have City of Wolverhampton Council dealt with? [568 exchanges](#)
- 2) Of those that you have dealt with, how many have required further social work intervention and birth parent support? [In excess of 120.](#)

The reason I am asking the question relates to a report from Essex County Council in 2014-15 which talks about their Post Adoption Team which facilitate contact between the adopted child and their birth family. To quote the paragraph in their report which has led to my enquiry:

“The same staff managed 2,395 exchanges of letters which allow adopted children to have indirect contact with their birth families. All post is opened, checked and anonymised before being forwarded. Importance is placed on building relationships between adoptive and birth family members, which contributes to the success of contact. A total of 363 letterbox cases required social work intervention and birth parent support. “

So my question is specifically over the last 12 months how many exchanges of letters has been dealt with and whether any of those exchanges has required social work intervention and birth parent support.