

## **Response to Request for Information**

**Reference** FOI 02167 **Date** FOI 02167

## Placements/Adopters for Children

## Request:

1a. How many children in your local authority had a placement order attached at 31 December 2014?

127 children of which 48 were placed for adoption, 46 had not yet been placed, 33 had an alternative plan

1b. How many children in your local authority had a placement order attached at 31 December 2015?

74 children of which 41 were placed for adoption, 14 had not yet been placed, 19 had an alternative plan

- 1c. How many of those with a placement order attached at 31 December 2014 still had a placement order attached at 31 December 2015 47 children of which 27 were placed for adoption, 1 not yet been placed, 19 had an alternative plan
- 2a. How many were on the adoption register and/or adoption link, or having an adoptive family sought via a local adoption agency at 31 December 2014? In respect of your question 2a, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information. 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:
- "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".
- 2b. How many were on the adoption register and/or adoption link or having an adoptive family sought via a local adoption agency at 31 December 2015? In respect of your question 2b, it has been established after careful consideration—that the Council does not hold the above information. 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:

"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".

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2c. How many of those on the adoption register and/or adoption link or having an adoptive family sought via a local adoption agency at 31 December 2014 were still on the adoption register and/or adoption link or having an adoptive family sought via a local adoption agency at 31 December 2015?\*

In respect of question 2c, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the exact information you are requesting. 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:

"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 provide you with some general information which we hope will be of assistance to you.

37 children were referred to Adoption Links and 22 matched as a result. The adoption register had not been operational for the whole of this period and no matches were made through the adoption register.

3a. How many approved adopters did you have in your local authority area at 31 December 2014?

28 family groups

3b. How many approved adopters did you have in your local authority area at 31 December 2015?

29 family groups

3c. How many of those approved adopters at 31 December 2014 had the same status at 31 December 2015?

8 family groups