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Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Thank you for requesting information about Fostering and Adoption. Your request has been considered under the above legislation.

You have requested the following information:

In the 2015 calendar year how many times has the council taken action to take children away from foster parents because of concerns for the safety of the child ie. the child was considered to be at risk from the actions or inactions of the foster parents? In each case please provide a brief description of what those concerns were.

We apologise for the delay in responding and can confirm that there were foster children removed from care on less than 5 occasions. We cannot disclose further details relating to the cases as we consider that the children or families involved may be identified from this information.

Therefore, this information is exempt under section 40 (2) of the FOIA. This exemption covers the personal data of third parties (anyone other than the requester) where complying with the request would breach any of the principles in the Data Protection Act.

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This is an absolute exemption and there is therefore no requirement to consider the public interest.

In the 2015 calendar year how many times has the council taken action to take children away from adoptive parents because of concerns for the safety of the child i.e. the child was considered to be at risk from the actions or inactions of the adoptive parents? In each case please provide a brief description of what those concerns were.

No children were removed from adoptive parents in 2015.

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Yours sincerely

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