Thank you for your Freedom of Information Request.

The information from the relevant Departments is as follows:

Q1) Please give the name of your Local Authority? Nottinghamshire

Q2) How many sets of twins were taken into care between the years 2010 – 2018? 26

Q3) 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)

Two – please note that one set of these twins became LAC as a result of a custodial remand and therefore placement were made by the Ministry of Justice, not the local authority. The others separates at the point of leaving care (although they retained a LAC status).

Q4) 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)

None. One set were separated at the point of leaving care at 17 year olds where their pathway plans dictated different types of placements as they reached adulthood.

Q5) How many sets of twins have since been adopted into separate families, after being taken into care between the years 2010 – 2018?

None

I hope this now satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly on the details below.

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You can use the search facility using keywords.

If you wish to raise any concerns about the way your request was dealt with, then please write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail <u>foi@nottscc.gov.uk</u> quoting the reference number above.

Kind Regards

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