

Dear

I am writing to you in reply to your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to Nottinghamshire County Council about adoption. Firstly, I apologise for the delay in replying to you, and hope that it has not caused any inconvenience. I have the following information.

You requested the number of children taken from their parents for adoption or in long term fostering in Nottinghamshire, and the number adopted by single people or same-sex couples. Please see the table below:

	Long Term Fostering	Adoption	Adoption (Single Parent)	Adoption (Same-Sex Couple)
2014/15	87	0	11	17
2015/16	33	0	4	10
2016/17	33	0	10	4
2017/18	23	0	2	9
2018/19	31	0	8	7

Unfortunately, the council's budget is structured in a way that means it is not possible to calculate a separate cost for each adoption.

The council does not receive a fee for placing children in adoption.

The council doesn't advertise for adoptive families, but we do provide adoption information via our websites, and sometimes promote adoption news, via low cost channels, with an annual cost of less than £500 a year.

If you have any queries or concerns then please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to the Team Manager, Complaints and Information Team, County Hall, West Bridgford, Nottingham, NG2 7QP or e-mail foi@nottscc.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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