

Dear,

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information Request.

I am now able to provide you with the information supplied by the relevant department, as follows:

Since 1.4.16 to the date of this e-mail how many times has the council taken action to take children away from foster parents because of concerns for the children's welfare? In each case provide a brief description as to what those concerns were.

We have taken this to mean children that have been removed from foster care following a referral LADO due to an allegation against the carers. Under this definition, 28 children were removed from placement. All these cases were risk assessed and appropriate safeguards were put in place.

I can confirm that we are withholding information regarding the descriptions of concerns under S40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act which prevents the disclosure of personal information relating to third parties in line with the principles of the Data Protection Act as disclosing this information may lead to identification of the child.

Since 1.4.16 to the date of this e-mail how many times has the council taken action to place a child from a Christian background into a foster care family with a Muslim background?

Religion is not recorded for many foster carers and children being fostered (as it is not a statutory requirement). Therefore, any data would be patchy and not representative of the whole fostering service. In addition, we do not have a way of linking the carer to the child from a reporting point of view so answering this question would involve manually searching through hundreds of carer cases, establishing their religion (if it was recorded) and looking for the child they had placed with them to establish the child's religion (if it was recorded). This would take our response over the 18hrs limit we are therefore applying exemption S12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Since 1.4.16 to the date of this e-mail how many times has the council taken action to place a child from a Muslim background into a foster care family with a Christian background?

Same as question 2

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 [foi@nottscc.gov.uk](mailto:foi@nottscc.gov.uk) quoting the reference number above.

Following this, if you remain dissatisfied, you can ask the Information Commissioner to review your request. However, the Information Commissioner cannot normally make a decision unless you have exhausted the procedure provided by the Council. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Water Lane  
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