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Dear Sir/Madam.

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ05319**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Muslim children in foster care.

You have requested the following information:

- a) Number of Muslim children currently in Foster Care (including UASC).**
- b) Number of Muslim foster carers currently approved to foster.**
- c) Number of Muslim children placed with non-Muslim foster carers.**

We hold the information which you have asked for but we have estimated that the cost of meeting your request would exceed the cost limit of £450 specified in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees Regulations 2004). This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or more, in determining whether the information is held, locating, retrieving and extracting it.

In relation to Questions b & c we can confirm that the information for external foster carers is not held in a reportable format. We would need to conduct an examination of case notes for each individual case. Furthermore, for some of the foster carers we may not even have this mentioned in the case notes at all.

Your request has been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

However, in order to fulfil our obligations under Section 16 of the FOI Act to advise and assist you, we advise that we maybe be able to provide the information for internal foster

carers. Please also note that Religion is not a statutory field, therefore the data may not be as robust. Equally, a foster carer's religion may have changed since last recording.

Please be advised that any reformulated request will be treated as a fresh request.

The supply of information in response to a freedom of information request does not confer an automatic right to re-use the information. You can use any information supplied for the purposes of private study and non-commercial research without requiring further permission. Similarly, information supplied can also be re-used for the purposes of news reporting. An exception to this is photographs. Please contact us if you wish to use the information for any other purpose.

For information, we publish a variety of information such as: [FOI/EIR Disclosure Log](#), [Publication Scheme](#), [Facts about Coventry](#) and [Open Data](#) that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email casework@ico.org.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours sincerely

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