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Dear Sir/Madam.

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ05993**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Looked After Children (LAC).

You have requested the following information:

1. How many sibling groups are in the care of your local authority, as of 15th July 2019?

We hold the information which you have asked for however, 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.

The information is not currently held in a reportable format and therefore we will need to undertake a manual audit to locate the requested information. Due to the high number of records held, the audit would take over 18 hours work. This part of your request has therefore been refused under section 12(2) of the Act.

2. How many children in your care, who are part of a sibling group, are not living with at least one of those siblings, as of 15th July 2019?

148 LAC who have siblings in care were not placed in a placement with at least one of their siblings. Please note that being in a sibling group for this question, is defined as being a Looked After Child at 15 July 2019 and a having sibling (i.e. full siblings, half-siblings, step-siblings) who are also in care.

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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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