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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI424488054

Thank you for your request for information relating to Adoption.

You have requested the following information:

1. How many adoption disruptions – after a child was placed with prospective adopters, but before an adoption order was made – occurred in each of the last five financial years (2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22)?

Due to the low numbers involved, we confirm that the disruptions were less than five, for each requested year. We are unable to provide the specific numbers as the Council considers that this information meets the definition for personal data set out in Section 3(2) and 3(3) of the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) as:

(2) personal data means any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual (subject to subsection (14)(c))”

(3) “Identifiable living individual” means a living individual who can be identified, directly or indirectly, in particular by reference to –

*(a) an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data or an online identifier, or
(b) one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural, or social identity of the individual.”*

The Council thus considers that the requested information is caught by the exemption to disclosure contained in Section 40 (2) of the FOI Act and the related first condition of Section 40 (3).

A disclosure made under FOIA is judged to be to the wider world. The individuals involved, would not reasonably expect that their details would be disclosed in this way.

2. How many adoption breakdowns – i.e. the breakdown of a placement after an adoption order was made – occurred in each of the last five financial years (2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22)?

In response to Question 2, the answer is nil for each requested year.

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Yours faithfully

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