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Ask for: Claire Beaumont  
Your ref:  
My ref: 275/2009  
Email: FOI@sevenoaks.gov.uk

Date: 02 October 2009

Dear Ms Wileman,

**Freedom of Information Request: Looked after Children**

Thank you for your request received by the Council on 1 October 2009.

Your enquiry was:

“Dear Sir or Madam, Under the freedom of information act I would like to know numerical statistics in order by year during the period of 1998 to 2008 (or as far back as you can go without charging me) for the following;

- 1) how many children were taken into local authority care on interim care orders and emergency protection orders under the category of emotional harm during the above period ? i do not wish you to include any children for any other categories of harm/abuse.
- 2) Out of these children who were taken into care for emotional harm how many of them were specifically for domestic violence between their parents? again i do not wish you to include children who had violence directed at them as that would fall into a different category being physical abuse.
- 3) Out of these children who were put into care for domestic violence how many were returned to family or extended family ?
- 4) Out of these how many children were put on full care orders?
- 5) of the children put on full care orders how many were adopted during these periods.”

Unfortunately, Sevenoaks District Council are unable to respond to your request as we do not have a social services department. Social services is undertaken by Kent County Council. As this is the case, I have forwarded your request on to them at [freedomofinformation@kent.gov.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@kent.gov.uk)

I trust the above information has been of assistance to you. Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the way we have processed your request the Council has an internal review process which you can begin by contacting Ally Round, Democratic Services Manager ([ally.round@sevenoaks.gov.uk](mailto:ally.round@sevenoaks.gov.uk)). If you remain dissatisfied you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners' Office (ICO) [http://www.ico.gov.uk/complaints/freedom\\_of\\_information.aspx](http://www.ico.gov.uk/complaints/freedom_of_information.aspx)

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C Beaumont". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C'.

Claire Beaumont  
Democratic Services Officer