

AYLESBURY VALE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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OFFICIAL RESPONSE TO FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

This request was answered under the legislation indicated below:-

Statutory Deadline

- DP Data Protection Act 1998 (£10 fee payable) +40 elapsed days after date of receipt*
- FOI Freedom of Information Act 2000 (usually free) +20 working days after date of receipt*
- EIR Environmental Information Regulations 2004 +20 working days after date of receipt*
- EIR exceptionally extended +40 working days after date of receipt*

Date Received on 13th October 2009

Reply Due by 10th November 2009



Request Reference
880

Date Reply Sent
23rd October 2009

Question asked (as phrased by customer)

AVDC response

-----Original Message-----

From: Mrs Docherty [<mailto:request-20944-b01dae09@whatdotheyknow.com>]

Sent: 13 October 2009 20:35

To: Data_Protection

Subject: Freedom of Information request - Gagging Orders in Secret Family Courts

Dear Sir or Madam,

In the wake of the people speaking out against the abuses of the secret family courts and forced adoption of children to strangers, instead of being retained within their real natural families. I would like to know how your authority compares to others in fulfilling your responsibilities to families & their children.

(a) How many individuals have been taken to court by your authority in-order to gag them. To stop them from speaking out about the injustices they have suffered at the hands of the council children's social services and secret family courts. Provide all records to-date that are held.

(b) How much did these gagging order injunctions cost the rate payer.

(c) Who is responsible for actioning these enforcement orders by the council, i.e. who signs the applications

Dear Mrs Docherty

Thank you for your information request. I can confirm that to date, **no** individuals have been taken to court by our authority in-order to gag them. The response to questions (b) – (f) is therefore a ‘nil’ return.

Should you have any further requests email records@aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk or write to the address below.

Regards
Karen McMahon
On behalf of the Head of IT

IT Division
Aylesbury Vale District Council
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for court.

(d) How many parents /relatives/individuals have received further sanctions for breaking these gagging orders.

(e) Are any of these decisions to gag/sanction taken by unelected local authority officers responsible for children's social care, finance, legal or any other relevant department.

(f) If councillors make these decisions at which meeting(s) are these discussed.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Docherty

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2. If you are dissatisfied with our response or wish to seek further explanation or make a comment please contact us again – see our publication scheme on website www.aylesburyvaledc.gov.uk or our Corporate Complaints leaflet “If we’ve got it right or wrong” for details of the procedure.

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