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Our ref: FR1825a/MAD
Your ref:
Date: 10th May 2010

Dear Mr Cannell

Information Request: FR1825a

Thank you for your Information Request received by the Council on 8 April 2010. Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is detailed below in italics.

Please provide to me figures for the period from January 2009 to December 2009 showing the number of directions or other hearings in family courts where other parties were said to be not contactable i.e.(No Address) and the percentage of hearings that this represents or the total number of relevant hearings during that period.

Please also provide the total number of non contested hearings in family courts for the same period where the authority have been allowed to obtain orders or directions without opposition as cases of notifications not reaching other parties also appear to be common.

Our Response

Your comments are noted, however as stated the Council's estimate as detailed in my letter to you of 7 April 2010 was calculated by a senior childcare solicitor within Legal Services and will remain. For completeness it is therefore estimated that to review 216 files, in respect of the first part of your request, would take approximately 99 hours. This would exceed the fee limit as set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 and the Council is not obliged to process your request further. For information purposes, the fee limit set down by the Regulations is £450 and in our case this equates to a maximum of 18 hours' of search and retrieval time.

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If you have any queries please do come back to me in the first instance. If you are unhappy with my response, you can ask the Council to review it. To do this please write to the following address:

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If our internal review does not resolve the issue to your complete satisfaction, you have the right to apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision at the following address:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Or, if you have any complaints in respect of your information request please complete the on-line comments form that can be found at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk, along with a full set of guidance.

Yours sincerely

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