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Dear Mr Tyes

Freedom of Information Request.

I write with reference to your email of March 5th 2009, in which you make the following request:

“Please confirm how many children are on the child protection register, and which register, broken down by age and gender and number of children per household, what their family background is (do they live with both parents, or in a separated family living with father and step-mother, grandparents etc), and how many of the children that were on the register a year ago have since died.”

Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act and I can confirm that we do hold the information requested.

As at February 2009, there were 382 children who have a Child Protection Plan. Of those 382, there are 190 boys (49.7%) and 174 girls (45.5%). There are 18 children (4.7%) where the register does not show the gender.

The age breakdown of the children is as follows:

Age	< 1 year	1 - 4 years	5 - 10 years	11 - 15 years	16+ years	Unknown
%	7.6	26.4	35.9	24.6	1.6	3.9

There have been no deaths of children who were on the Child Protection Register one year ago.

In order to provide a breakdown of how many children per household and information relating to the make-up of each household would require us to retrieve and examine each record. We have estimated that to extract and collate this information would cost more than the appropriate limit, therefore we are refusing this part of the request under s.12(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and for local government is set at £450 as specified by The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees)

Regulations 2004. It is Cambridgeshire County Council's policy not to fulfil any requests that exceed this limit. I have attached our [charging policy](#) for your information.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to Helen Maneuf, Head of Audit, Scrutiny & Information Governance, Box RES 1405, Shire Hall, Cambridge CB3 0AP within 40 days of the date of this response.

If you are not content with the outcome your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Council. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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