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Worcester
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Dear Christian,

Freedom of Information 2000 – Information request regarding number of looked after children by Worcestershire County Council

Thank you for contacting Worcestershire County Council. Your request for information has now been considered and some of the information you have asked for is provided.

1. I would like to know the number of 'looked after children' cared for by Worcestershire County Council as of June 15, 2018.

812

2. Of those children, I would also like to know the amount of 'looked after children' situated outside the boundary of Worcestershire as of June 15, 2018.

184

3. Could these please be categorised by city/town AND by the corresponding local authority.

Unfortunately, it is not possible to fully meet this part of your request. This is because the information is exempt from disclosure under Section 40(2)(3)(a)(i) of the Freedom of Information Act. This exemption applies to information that is the personal data of living individuals. We consider this information comprises personal data as defined by the Data Protection Act because the level of detail may potentially lead to the identification of individuals due to the small number of individuals in some locations.

We can however provide the following information:

City / Town

There are 76 different cities / towns identified where Looked After Children are situated outside the boundary of Worcestershire. Of these, 70 have less than 5 placements. Those with 5 or more placements are:

Birmingham	41
Hereford	9
Solihull	6

Alcester	5
Oldbury	5
Stourbridge	5

Local Authority

There are 47 different local authorities. Of these, 38 have less than 5 placements. Those with 5 or more placements are:

Birmingham	40
Warwickshire	16
Dudley	14
Herefordshire	14
Staffordshire	11
Sandwell	9
Solihull	6
Gloucestershire	5
Somerset	5

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County Hall
Spetchley Road
Worcester
WR5 2NP

Tel: 01905 84 6364

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Wycliffe House Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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www.ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

Jeremy Hanley-Keeley
Information Access Administrator

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