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Requester

At contact address specified for request number above

24 April 2012

Dear Requester

**Re: Your request for information**

I write in response to your correspondence dated 30 January 2012.

Please accept my sincere apologies for the delay in responding to your request.

As the information you requested is not personal or environmental it has been processed in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA).

I have investigated your request in relation to the breakdown of adoption placements and the answer to your question is as follows.

1. If an adoption placement breaks down, are the birth parents automatically notified? If not. Could you explain why?

No, parents are not automatically notified.

However, if the placement breaks down before the making of the adoption order then one of the actions to be considered and discussed is the birth parents present situation and who should advise them of the change of plan.

There is an assumption that they will be informed but it is a question of by whom, how and when. This also pre-supposes the authority knows the parents whereabouts.

If an adoption disrupts much further down the line, if there is no 'letterbox' contact, or this has lapsed then the authority may be unaware that the placement has disrupted if the family has moved to live in another area.

Where there is on going contact the authority would endeavour to let the birth parents know and this may well be done by the 'letter box' worker.

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You may be interested to know that responding to the questions you have raised in the enquiry has cost the Authority approximately £118.97.

If you should have any questions please contact me on the above number quoting your personal case reference which is **IGO-641**

If you are not satisfied with the response provided or any exemptions applied you should write in the first instance to **Stephanie Pearson, Information Governance, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, Loxley House, Station Street, Nottingham, NG2 3NG** stating the reasons for your dissatisfaction.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ravi Nagra-Kumar', followed by a period.

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