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<b>Your Ref:</b>	<b>Our Ref:</b> TWC-08973	<b>Date:</b> 3 May 2011

Dear Ms Rises

**Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000**  
**Information Partly Withheld**

Further to our recent correspondence, your request has now been assessed under the FOIA and we are pleased to be able to enclose some of the information you requested, as follows:-

**A. Please could you tell me since 1 April 2009 how many applications for a s34.4 Order you have made?**

65 cases - 2 Section 34(4) applications were made in one case

**F. Of those cases identified in question A, please state how many of the care proceedings resulted in:**

**1. A s31 Order**

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**2. An adoption Order**

2 (1 by Adoption Order, 1 by Placement Order)

**3. A Special Guardianship Order**

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**4. Return of the children to the parent**

2 (1 with Supervision Order and Residence Order, 1 with Residence Order)

Context : between 1.4.09 - 31.3.11 86 Section 31 applications were made to Court and 47 Placement Order applications were made

**G. Of those cases identified in question F as being permanently removed from the parent's care, please state how many had made a complaint to the Local Authority complaints department prior to the making of the s34.4 Order.**

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However, we are sorry to inform you that we are unable to release the following information you also requested:-

**B. Of those cases identified in question A. how many 'statement of expectations for contact' have you written and sent to the client?**

**C. Of those cases identified in question B please could you state which statements you include in your 'statement of expectations for contact' from the following statements:**

**D. Since April 2009 Please could you state how many s34.4 Orders were made due to:**

- 1. Failing to comply with the statement of expectations.**
- 2. Alleged assault of the children in contact (no evidence but finding of fact by Judge based on balance of probability ie hearsay of social worker)**
- 3. Assault of children in contact based on firm evidence (doctor's report, police conviction, video evidence)**

**E. Of all families subject to care proceedings since 1 April 2009 how many have unsupervised contact?**

This letter therefore forms a Refusal Notice under s17 and the following exemption has been applied:-

**Exemption:- Procedural – Information Not Held**

The reason(s) for this is:

The council does not hold this information and is therefore unable to release it

If you are dissatisfied with this outcome and wish to Appeal, please set out in writing your grounds for the Appeal which must be received on or before **3 August 2011**, which is three months from the date of this letter. Please write to: Information Governance Manager, Freedom of Information – Appeal and send it to the address above or email: [foi@telford.gov.uk](mailto:foi@telford.gov.uk), remembering to quote the above reference number.

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In the meantime, if you have any other queries then please do not hesitate to contact us, details above.

Yours sincerely  
On behalf of Freedom of Information

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