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Dear Ms Rolt

Re: Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Children, Schools and Families

Your request for information, received on the 8th November 2013, has now been considered.

You requested the following:-

(1) *The total number of children adopted in each of the last 5 years.*

In each of the last 5 complete financial years the following numbers of children looked after by the London Borough of Camden have been adopted:

Finance year	Count of finance year
2008/09	16
2009/10	8
2010/11	7
2011/12	12
2012/13	18
Total	61

(2) *The total number of children in foster care in each of the last 5 years.*

Finance year	Number of children in fostering placements in year
2008/09	382
2009/10	213
2010/11	229
2011/12	277
2012/13	429

NOTE: unlike the information on adoptions supplied above and below (where each child is only counted once – as only adopted once) a child can be counted in more than one year if they remained in the same fostering placement or were in different fostering placements in multiple period.



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(3) *The total number of children under the age of 10 adopted in each of the last 5 years.*

Finance year	Count of children adopted (aged 10 or under) in each financial year
2008/09	16
2009/10	8
2010/11	7
2011/12	12
2012/13	18
Total	61

(4) *The total number of children under the age of 10 in care in each of the last 5 years.*

NOTE: unlike the information on adoptions supplied above (where each child is only counted once – as only adopted once) a child can be counted in more than one year if they remained in care and was still under 10 in multiple periods

Finance year	Count of children looked after who were aged 10 or under at any point in each financial year
2008/09	146
2009/10	138
2010/11	136
2011/12	149
2012/13	165

(5) *The average length of time from parents' application to a completed adoption in each of the last 5 years.*

(6) *The average length of time from parents' application to a completed adoption for children under the age of 10 in each of the last 5 years.*

We are sorry but we do not hold this information, the application for an adoption order is made by the prospective adoptive parent/s and is not the Local Authorities application.

We trust that our response is useful to you.

If you are unhappy with any aspect of the way in that your request has been processed then you have the right to issue a complaint. If you wish to issue a complaint, please set out in writing your grounds of appeal (within 2 months of this correspondence) and send it to: **Access to Information Team, Legal Services, Camden Town Hall, Judd Street, London, WC1H 9LP** and your complaint will be administered through our Internal Review procedure. You can also email your appeal to foireviews@camden.gov.uk

If you are still not satisfied following the Internal Review, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office. They can be contacted at: Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF Telephone: 01625 545 700 www.ico.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

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